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Senate to review charges vs Ayuyu

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The Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures chaired by Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofsneider (R-Tinian) said yesterday it will be looking into the charges and allegations against Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), who was indicted with former Rota Municipal Council staffer Ryan James I. Manglona for violation of the Endangered Species Act when they allegedly tried to smuggle eight fruit bats from Rota to Saipan in October 2010.

Hofsneider's panel may recommend a course of action, if any, on Ayuyu.

Ayuyu, as a defendant, is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. The Senate said he continues to be a senator.

Ayuyu is a freshman senator heading the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications.

Ayuyu, 48, is the latest among CNMI lawmakers

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» Ayuyu: I did not harm anyone, I respect the process

Indictment vs Sen. Ayuyu unsealed

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U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia A.G. Limtiaco announced yesterday the grand jury indictment of Rota Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (R-Rota) and another person for allegedly conspiring to bring eight federally protected fruit bats from Rota to Saipan.

According to Limtiaco, the indictment charged Ayuyu and Ryan James Inos Manglona with conspiracy to

violate the Endangered Species Act and Lacey Act, one count of violating the Endangered Species Act, and one count of violating the Lacey Act.

If found guilty, both defendants face a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$25,000 for each offense, Limtiaco said.

The indictment alleged that on Oct. 17, 2010, Ayuyu and Manglona conspired to hide eight dead Mariana fruit bats from Rota to Saipan.

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LAST DAY TODAY

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Filipino workers rush to renew their Overseas Workers Welfare Administration membership yesterday afternoon on the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza to beat the closure of the Philippine Consulate General after today. Welfare officer Julia Fabian said the surge of OWWA membership renewals caused a shortage of official receipts, but not the certificates of membership, which are issued immediately after renewal. A \$25 minimum OWWA membership contribution a year entitles a Filipino worker abroad to benefits that include insurance and health care, family welfare assistance, and repatriation, among other things.



Sandy leaves death, damp and darkness in wake

By TOM HAYS and ALLEN G. BREED
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—As Superstorm Sandy marched slowly inland, millions along the East Coast awoke Tuesday without power or mass transit, with huge swaths of

This photo provided by 6abc Action News shows the Inlet section of Atlantic City, N.J., as Hurricane Sandy makes its approach, Monday Oct. 29, 2012.

the nation's largest city unusually vacant and dark.

New York was among the hardest hit, with its financial heart in Lower Manhattan shuttered for a second day and seawater cascading into the still-gaping construction pit at the World Trade Center. President Barack Obama declared a major disaster in the city and Long Island.

The storm that made landfall in New Jersey on Monday evening with 80 mph

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Psychiatric exam for car burning suspect

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has granted a defense counsel's motion to order a psychiatric or psychological examination on Aziz Peter Mettao, a former disc jockey who is facing charges for the burning of Power 99 Studio's vehicle.

Manglona issued the order after assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy stated that the U.S. government had no objection to the motion.

Manglona suspended all proceedings pending the competency report.

Mettao remains detained pending future proceedings.

A status conference will be held on Feb. 20, 2012.

F. Matthew Smith, the court-appointed counsel for Mettao, asked the court to hold a hearing to determine whether the 27-year-old Mettao is competent to proceed with the trial.

Smith said he is concerned about Mettao's mental state after learning that, prior to his arrest, Mettao was working with the Veterans Affairs Office in Guam trying to get mental and medical attention.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has stepped into the investigation in the burning of Power 99

Studio's vehicle by Mettao.

ATF agents served Mettao with an arrest warrant last Oct. 19.

The ATF filed that same day a complaint charging Mettao with malicious use of explosive materials, a felony that carries a maximum term of 10 years or more in prison.

Mettao is suspected of setting fire to Power 99's Hyundai Tucson in western Garapan in the early morning of Sept. 10, 2012. Mettao allegedly used beer bottles that he filled with flammable liquid to burn and damage the vehicle. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Ex-baseball player ordered to pay \$2K or face arrest

The District Court yesterday ordered former Japanese professional baseball player Kouichi Taniguchi to either pay \$2,215 in court reporter costs to the owner of Marianas Resort and Spa or face arrest for contempt of court.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson gave Taniguchi no later than Nov. 14, 2012, to pay the costs to Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd. or create a payment plan with the company.

Taniguchi was ordered to submit to the court within 10 business days proof of payment or the payment plan.

If Taniguchi complies, the judge said, the court will set aside its contempt order of March 20, 2009.

"If [Taniguchi] does not comply, a warrant for plaintiff's arrest shall be issued on Nov. 15, 2012," Munson said.

Attorney Douglas F. Cushnie appeared for Taniguchi at the hearing. Attorney Richard W. Pierce appeared for Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd.

The court issued an order on March 20, 2009 finding Taniguchi

in contempt of court after he and his counsel failed to appear at a show-cause hearing.

Munson found that the clerk of court has no record of any payments having been made and that Taniguchi did not subsequently appear in court.

Taniguchi used to play in Japan for the Yomiuri (Tokyo) Giants and in the U.S. for the New York Mets.

He sued Kan Pacific in 2008 for alleged negligence when the hotel's wooden deck where he was standing collapsed.

Munson granted Kan Pacific's cross-motion for summary judgment on Dec. 22, 2008. The judge ordered that Taniguchi shall take nothing from his lawsuit.

Kan Pacific then submitted a bill of costs, which requested the taxation of \$5,517.20 for "compensation of interpreters."

Taniguchi appealed. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in March 2011 affirmed Munson's decision. The Ninth Circuit ruled that Taniguchi did not provide enough evidence to dispute Kan Pacific's lack of negligence. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Potential exemptions from new fed rules for commercial fishing eyed

The U.S. Coast Guard has recognized that the new federal safety examination requirements for commercial fishing vessels may be inappropriate for small vessels fishing in the CNMI and other Pacific Islands governed by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council.

The requirements would apply to all vessel owners who commercially fish beyond 3 nautical miles offshore, including those who own a USCG-documented commercial fishing vessel.

Charlie Medlicott, USCG Fisheries Enforcement Specialist, presented an overview of the requirements on Oct. 29, the first day of the 155th meeting of the Council, according to a news release. The four-day meeting is being held at the Laniakea YWCA-Fuller Hall in

Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Council directed its staff to work with the USCG and affected fishermen in the region to identify potential exemptions and equivalencies locally available and appropriate for fishing activities in the area, and work on education and outreach on these issues.

The four-day meeting will also host a Fishers Forum on tuna issues from 6pm to 5pm at the Harbor View Center above Nico's restaurant at Pier 38 in Honolulu. USCG will also be among the government agencies and organizations that will set up with informational booths to respond to inquiries from fishermen and the general public.

For more information, visit www.wpcouncil.org, email info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov, call (808) 522-8220 or fax (808) 522-8226. (*Clarissa V. David*)

Fejeran is SAES' best educator

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Editor's Note: This story is part of a series of articles that Saipan Tribune will be publishing in support of the celebration of Education Month by the Public School System.

A 30-year-old teacher was adjudged as this year's best at San Antonio Elementary School and will represent her colleagues in the Public School System's search for CNMI Teacher of the Year next month.



BERNICE N. FEJERAN
Teacher of the Year

Bernice N. Fejeran is a third-grade classroom teacher for five years now. She started her teaching career as soon as she obtained her education degree at the Northern Marianas College in 2007.

Fejeran shared how she dreamed of becoming an educator someday. "I remember playing school with my neighborhood friends when I was a little kid. Teaching is really a passion for me," she said.

According to SAES principal James Sablan, Fejeran was among the Top 3 nominees for this year's teacher of the year plum. She was chosen by her peers for the award in June.

This is the second time that Fejeran was nominated for the TOY honor but her first time to actually bag the title for SAES.

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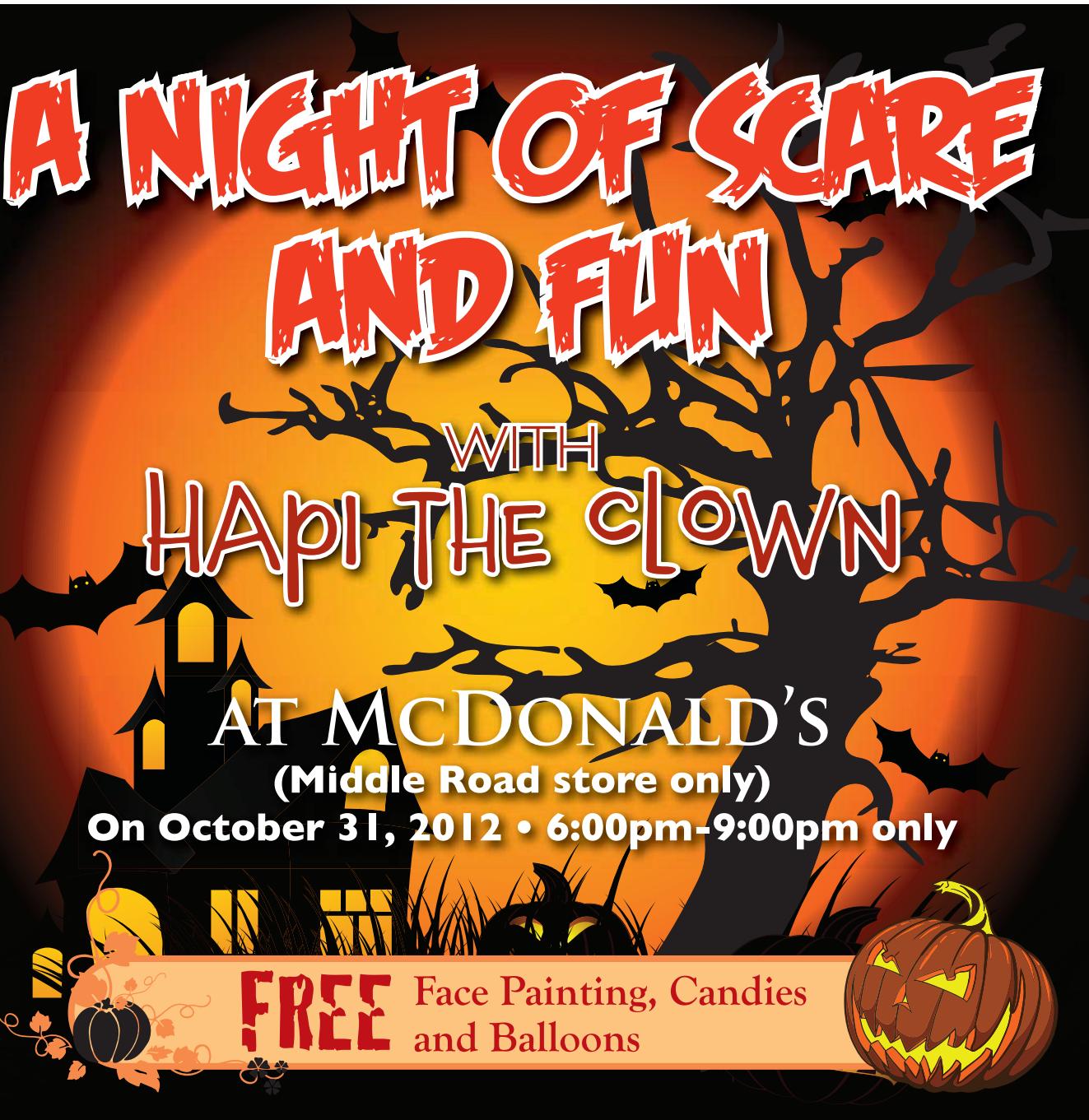
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"I was overwhelmed... I was stunned but I am very glad to represent them as Teacher of the Year. I am truly grateful," she said yesterday. "With every drop of knowledge that you put into a child's mind and you hear them talk about what they learned... that's the greatest satisfaction I am getting everyday. It's a great feeling when you know you are part of their lives."

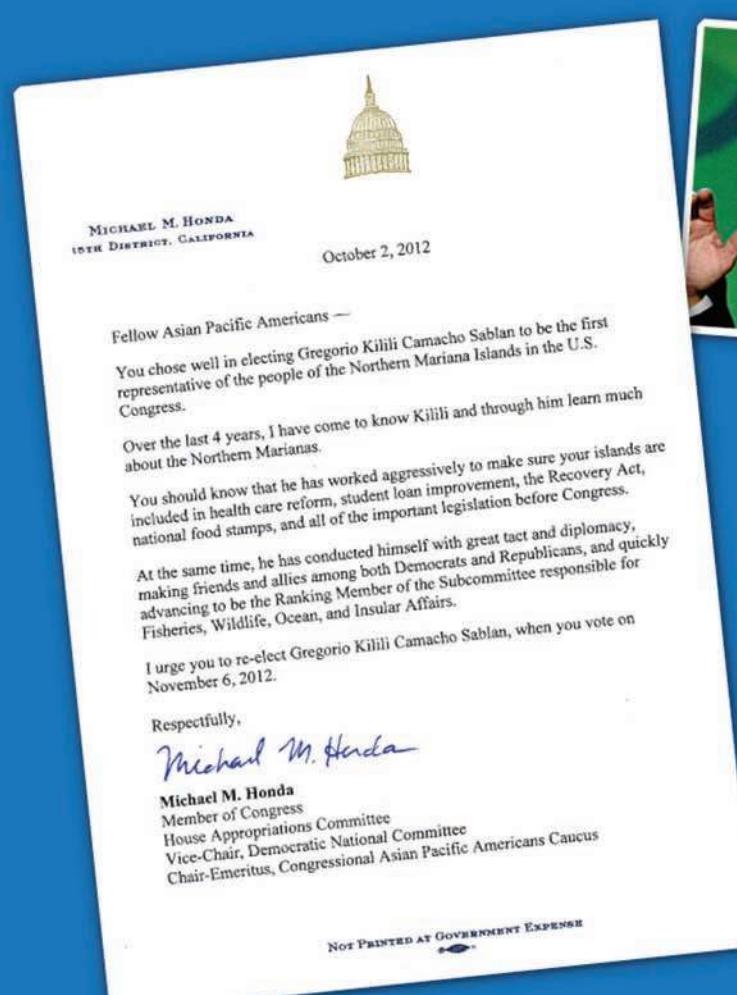
According to principal Sablan, Fejeran is just one of the 14 hardworking teachers at San Antonio, which is home to 303 students this year. He described her as an "honest, helpful, and a responsible leader."

Fejeran herself said that each teacher at SAES deserves to be recognized as teachers of the year as well. In this challenging year for PSS, Fejeran said that teachers like her continue to be very resourceful and creative to ensure instruction will be delivered as expected every day.

Fejeran said it is her hope for SAES to become the top-performing school on island.



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OF 1.7K REFUND APPLICATIONS

Fund: Only 200 certified so far; no checks disbursed yet

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Members who have been waiting for their refund contributions are becoming impatient as the NMI Retirement Fund has yet to disburse their checks, more than a month after the agency opened the application.

Based on the agency's website, only 200 applications—out of the total refund applications of 1,733—have been marked with “certification of funds/payment processing” as of Oct. 25. No checks have been marked “disbursed” during the same period.

The website also states that of the total applications received, 300 were marked as “ongoing review and computation” while the rest are awaiting review.

Saipan Tribune has tried to obtain comments from acting Fund administrator Lilian Pangelinan on the possible release of the first batch of checks and the cause of the delay in the processing but no response was issued since last week.

Several members expressed dis-

appointment over the long wait on the comment section of the Fund's website, where 19 total comments were posted. Other members, however, came to the defense of the Fund, which they believe needs more time to process all applications.

Based on the law that authorized the withdrawal of employee contributions, the release of 25 percent of contributions is mandated within 30 days, while the remaining 75 percent should be out within 90 days upon receipt of the first.

The agency opened application to members on Sept. 17.

Rota Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) disclosed yesterday that many active members on Rota are complaining about what they call a “huge disparity” in the numbering system of the Fund. Santos immediately wrote to Pangelinan to clarify the issue.

“On numerous occasions, I have been approached by numerous active and inactive members from the First Senatorial District who have submitted their applications from the onset concerning a huge disparity in the numbering system. These members were listed after all the applications received on the island of Saipan, regardless of the date they submitted their applications. If this information is true, I empathize with these members and appeal to you

to implement formal corrective actions immediately,” said Santos in her letter to Pangelinan.

Santos strongly urged Pangelinan to renumber the applications received from Rota according to the date and time it was originally submitted.

Saipan Tribune tried to get Pangelinan's comment yesterday but she was not available for interview.

Fund officials earlier disclosed that the funding to pay for all withdrawals will come from the \$113 million set aside by the court for active members. The \$113 million is part of the estimated value of the portfolio, which was at \$223 million as of last month. The set-aside amount, based on the court order, cannot be used for other purposes other than for active members.

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sustained winds killed at least 16 people in seven states, cut power to more than 7.4 million homes and businesses from the Carolinas to Ohio, caused scares at two nuclear power plants and stopped the presidential campaign cold.

The massive storm reached well into the Midwest: Chicago officials warned residents to stay away from the Lake Michigan shore as the city prepares for winds of up to 60 mph and waves exceeding 24 feet well into Wednesday.

“This will be one for the record books,” said John Miksad, senior vice president for electric operations at Consolidated Edison, which had more than 670,000 customers without power in and around New York City.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy third birthday to Nadia Paige Teregeyo, who is celebrating her special day today, Oct. 31, 2012! We love you! Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, and the family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

An unprecedented 13-foot surge of seawater—3 feet above the previous record—gushed into Gotham, inundating tunnels, subway stations and the electrical system that powers Wall Street, and sent hospital patients and tourists scrambling for safety. Skyscrapers swayed and creaked in winds that partially toppled a crane 74 stories above Midtown.

Right before dawn, a handful of taxis were out on the streets, though there was an abundance of emergency and police vehicles.

Remnants of the former Category 1 hurricane were forecast to head across Pennsylvania before taking another sharp turn into western New York by Wednesday morning. Although weakening as it goes, the massive storm—which caused wind warnings from Florida to Canada—will continue to bring heavy rain and local flooding, said Daniel Brown, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

As Hurricane Sandy closed in on the Northeast, it converged with a cold-weather system that turned it into a monstrous hybrid of rain and high wind—and even snow in West Virginia and other mountainous areas inland.

Just before it made landfall at 8 p.m. near Atlantic City, N.J., forecasters stripped Sandy of hurricane status—but the distinction was purely technical, based on its shape and internal temperature. It still packed hurricane-force wind, and forecasters were careful to say it was still dangerous to the tens of millions in its path.

While the hurricane's 90 mph winds registered as only a Category 1 on a scale of five, it packed “astoundingly low” barometric pressure, giving it terrific energy to push water inland, said Kerry Emanuel, a professor of meteorology at MIT.

Officials blamed at least 16 deaths on the converging storms—five in New York, three each in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, two in Connecticut, and one each in Maryland, North Carolina and West Virginia. Three of the victims were children, one just 8 years old.

Sandy, which killed 69 people in the Caribbean before making its way up the Eastern Seaboard, began to hook left at midday Monday toward the New Jersey coast. Even before it made landfall, crashing waves had claimed an old, 50-foot piece of Atlantic City's world-famous Boardwalk.

“We are looking at the highest storm surges ever recorded” in the Northeast, said Jeff Masters, meteorology director for Weather Underground, a private forecasting service.

Sitting on the dangerous northeast wall of the storm, the New York metropolitan area got the worst of it.

An explosion at a ConEdison substation knocked out power to about 310,000 customers in Manhattan, said Miksad.

“We see a pop. The whole sky lights up,” said Dani Hart, 30, who was watching the storm from the roof of her building in the Navy Yards.

“It sounded like the Fourth of July,” Stephen Weisbrod said from his 10th-floor apartment.

New York University's Tisch Hospital was forced to evacuate 200 patients after its backup generator failed. NYU Medical Dean Robert Grossman said patients—among them 20 babies from neonatal intensive care that were on battery-powered respirators—had to be carried down staircases and to dozens of waiting ambulances.

Not only was the subway shut down, but the Holland Tunnel connecting New York to New Jersey was closed, as was a tunnel between Brooklyn and Manhattan. The Brooklyn Bridge, the George Washington Bridge, the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and several other spans were closed due to high winds.

A construction crane atop a \$1.5 billion luxury high-rise in midtown Manhattan collapsed in high winds and dangled precariously. Thousands

SENATE

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indicted or charged while in office.

Last year, a House Special Committee on Ethics was formed to review and make recommendations on issues involving Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) in connection with alleged “ice” use and trafficking. Palacios stepped down as Education Committee chair and did not seek re-election.

Ayuyu, in a phone interview yesterday, said he never intended to break any law and did not harm anyone but that he respects the judicial process.

“In my heart, I didn't do anything wrong. As a public servant, I felt I didn't harm anyone. I didn't do anything to advance any political interest. I believe justice will prevail. I hope they will hear my side [of the story]. I believe in our judicial process,” Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Senate, in a separate statement yesterday afternoon, said it is “saddened” by the news about Ayuyu.

“However, the Senate respects the judicial process and believes justice will be served in this matter. Sen. Ayuyu continues to be a member of the Senate and we must give him time to address this matter privately,” the Senate said.

Hofschneider said his Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures will convene to “discuss the charges and allegations in the indictment and recommend a course of action, if any is warranted in this case.”

“The Senate is bound by its rules of procedure and must comply with its provisions,” the Senate said, adding that it has “no further statement at this time.”

All nine CNMI senators, including Ayuyu, are members of the Senate

of people were ordered to leave several nearby buildings as a precaution, including 900 guests at the ultramodern Le Parker Meridien hotel.

Alice Goldberg, 15, a tourist from Paris, was watching television in the hotel—whose slogan is “Uptown, Not Uptight”—when a voice came over the loudspeaker and told everyone to leave.

“They said to take only what we needed, and leave the rest, because we'll come back in two or three days,” she said as she and hundreds of others gathered in the luggage-strewn marble lobby. “I hope so.”

Trading at the New York Stock Exchange was canceled again Tuesday—the first time the exchange suspended operations for two consecutive days due to weather since an 1888 blizzard struck the city.

Rules and Procedure Committee.

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced yesterday that a federal grand jury in the NMI District Court indicted Ayuyu and Manglona for violating the Endangered Species Act when they tried to smuggle eight fruit bats by hiding them underneath 40 lbs of lemons inside a brown cardboard box in a Freedom Air flight from Rota to Saipan about two years ago.

Manglona was also charged with obstruction of justice and providing false declarations to a grand jury.

If found guilty of the Endangered Species Act and Lacey Act violations, the defendants face a maximum sentence of one year imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$25,000 for each offense.

The alleged violations occurred when Ayuyu was on his ninth month as a senator since being sworn into office in January 2010.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Guam and the NMI's announcement of the indictment came on the heels of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) launching on Monday of a public petition urging U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate corruption in the CNMI after similar requests to U.S. Department of Justice officials in the region, among others, fell on deaf ears.

The petition is available at <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/594/245/960/demand-federal-action-to-root-out-corruption-in-the-nmi/>

As of 7pm last night, the petition had over 200 petitioners. It targets 1,000 signatures.

The Fitial administration described Sablan's request to Holder as “nothing more than a political ploy.” This comes days ahead of the Nov. 6 mid-term elections in the CNMI.

INDICTMENT

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bats (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*) beneath 40 lbs of lemons inside a cardboard box in an attempt to transport the box to Saipan aboard a Freedom Air flight.

A separate indictment charged Manglona with three counts lying to the grand jury and one count of obstruction of justice. *See related story on Page 9*

If convicted of these charges, Limtiaco said, Manglona faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 on the obstruction of justice charge, and a maximum sentence of five years and a maximum fine of \$250,000 on each count of providing a false declaration to the grand jury.

The indictment against Ayuyu and Manglona was filed in the U.S. District Court on Oct. 19, 2012. The other in-

dictment against Manglona was filed in court on Sept. 25, 2012. The court unsealed both indictments on Monday.

Federal agents served the summons on Ayuyu on Oct. 23 at his office on Capitol Hill, and on Manglona last Oct. 24 on Rota.

During Monday's initial appearance, the 48-year-old Ayuyu appeared with his lawyer, Steve Pixley. Manglona, 36, appeared with court-appointed counsel Robert Torres.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, in behalf of the U.S. government, moved to unseal the case. The defendants did not object.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona unsealed both cases.

Ayuyu and defendant Manglona pleaded not guilty.

Judge Manglona set the jury trial for Jan. 7, 2013. She ordered the defendants be released on \$20,000 unsecured bond plus other conditions.

According to the indictment, on Oct.

17, 2010, on Rota, the defendants met at Ayuyu's residence.

Manglona wrapped packing tape around a brown cardboard box containing eight dead Mariana fruit bats underneath 40 lbs of lemons.

At 4:17pm, Ayuyu, using his cellular telephone, called Freedom Air's office and spoke to one of its employees. The senator told the employee that Manglona would be dropping off a baggage for him (Ayuyu).

Manglona, together with another person, drove to the Rota airport and delivered the box to the Freedom Air employee at the check-in counter.

At 5pm, Ayuyu checked into Freedom Air Flight 300 bound for Saipan.

Transportation Security Administration agents discovered the eight dead fruit bats inside the cardboard box while screening it.

Limtiaco said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, together with the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, conducted the investigations.


COMMUNITY BRIEFS
MHS Class of '83 meeting

The MHS Class of 1983 would like to invite everyone to join us for our general meeting this coming Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at the Beach Road Pavilion in Garapan, at 7pm. Call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665 for more information. (PR)

Business workshops on Rota, Tinian

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be hosting a business workshop titled "Introduction to SBDC and How to Market Your Business" on Rota and Tinian.

The Rota workshop will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, 10am to 12pm, at the Rota Mayor's Office.

The Tinian workshop will be on Nov. 8, 2012, from 10am to 12pm, at the Tinian Mayor's Office.

Deadline for pre-registration is 12pm, one business day before workshop. Walk-ins are allowed and granted on space availability. You may register online at pisbden.ecenterdirect.com. (PR)

CCA board meets on Nov. 7

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, at 3pm in the CHC conference room No. 2. The agenda includes reports from the president, steering committees, program manager, and program/project

updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Red Cross training set

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct health and safety training in Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR, AED in November on the following dates:

- Pediatric CPR/AED: Nov. 6, from 6pm to 9pm
- First Aid: Nov. 7, from 6pm to 9pm
- Adult First Aid/CPR/AED: Nov. 17, from 8am to 1pm.

To register or for more information about the courses offered, contact the NMI Chapter at 670-234-3459. (ARC)

DEQ brigade eyes beach cleanup on Saturday

The Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be teaming up with Hopwood's MY-WAVE Club and Saipan Southern High School for a cleanup between San Antonio to Sugar Dock this Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the Sugar Dock Pavilion. Hopwood MAWAVE Club and others who want to do the long walk can meet the DEQ representative at Pakpak Beach in San Antonio at 8am.

Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am

and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt.

Last month's Hidden Beach cleanup had 11 volunteers participating. Over 200 lbs of trash was removed from the beach and disposed off.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. (DEQ)

Book sale at public library

There will be another Library Friends book sale this Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library starting at 8am and continuing until 12pm. There will be a meeting of the Library Friends immediately following the sale. (LF)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 1, from 9:30am to 3:30pm and on Nov. 2, from 9:30am to 6:30pm. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius

on all quadrants. (PR)

Veterans office to host essay contest

The CNMI Military and Veterans

Affairs Office is hosting its first essay contest to be held at the American Memorial Park Theater on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, at 6pm. Please come, support our

students, and make this a memorable day. Winners of this contest will be a student guest speaker on Veterans Day on Nov. 11, 2012. (PR)

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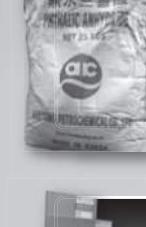
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9th Circuit sides with man who was run over by boat

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has issued a ruling favorable to a fisherman who was injured after being run over by a motorboat in 2007 while he was fishing.

The Ninth Circuit judges reversed the U.S. District Court for the NMI's decision that found fisherman Pedro Pangelinan Pinaula negligent and was injured for only six months.

The Ninth Circuit judges ruled that the district court made an error of law in finding that Pinaula was negligent.

The appellate judges said that courts sitting in admiralty "look to the common law in considering maritime torts."

The common law, the judges said, requires a fact-finder to consider "the customs of the community, or of others under like circumstances," as a factor when determining whether conduct is negligent.

In this case, the Ninth Circuit judges said the district court failed to consider evidence showing that the use of M-boats is customary among fishermen in the Northern Mariana Islands.

"The court therefore erred in its application of the relevant law. We therefore reverse the finding that Pinaula was negligent," the judges said.

On the injury issue, the appellate judges cited the record showing that Pinaula first sought

medical attention three months after the accident and continued to seek medical attention intermittently from November 2007 until February 2010.

The judges said the district court's finding that he was injured for only six months was implausible and without support from the record, making it "clearly erroneous."

The lawsuit arose from an incident on Aug. 25, 2007, when a boat being driven by Banga Bandhu Baidya ran over Pinaula, who was swimming and fishing with a sling in the shallow waters off Micro Beach mid-afternoon.

At a bench trial, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Fremming Nielsen found negligence on the part of Pinaula, Baidya, and Baidya's employer, Seahorse Inc. Saipan. The judge, however, determined that Baidya's negligence caused Pinaula's injury. The judge found Baidya and Seahorse liable to pay Pinaula damages worth \$3,600.

Pinaula disputed the judge's finding, asserting that his injury lasted 29 months or no less than 14 months if adjusted for mitigation.

The judge denied the motion and stood pat in his previous rulings.

Pinaula, through counsel Joseph E. Horey, then appealed. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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OIA wants expedited efforts on geothermal

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Assistant Interior Secretary Tony Babauta said Monday the Office of Insular Affairs wants to see an "expedited and quicker" efforts from the Commonwealth in pursuing geothermal energy as a form of alternative energy source for the islands.

Babauta said he wants to see this happen for the CNMI before he ends his term in office at OIA.

"I would like to see more progress on renewable energy efforts specifically on the geo-

thermal energy because it was one of those sources identified in the partnership we developed with NREL. I would like to see that [effort] expedite, quicker than it has been," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

A few months ago, the Fitial administration cancelled the request for proposal for the geothermal energy project, saying a geothermal power plant will not serve the best interest of the Commonwealth for now.

It earlier said the government can put out a request for proposal only to drill and explore the island for geothermal potential but not to generate geothermal power right away.

Because of this, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. cancelled its geothermal gradient well project with the Australian company, KUTH Energy Ltd.

The cancellation is also believed to be tied to the \$190.8-million power deal inked with Saipan Development LLC.

Meantime, Babauta said that OIA is also "watching" the \$190.8-million PPA, which is now pending in court.

"We're watching it...but we're mindful of the fact that the court has issued TRO on that particular PPA," he added.

The U.S. Department of the Interior had given the CNMI \$1.2 million for geothermal exploration and development. CUC then selected KUTH Energy to drill a 600-meter deep geothermal gradient well.

When asked if OIA is still will-

NMHC to solicit quotes for Tinian office space

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The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. will seek at least three quotations for office space rentals for its Tinian Field Office, said corporate director Jesse Palacios.

Palacios made the decision during Thursday's meeting wherein he informed the board about the Commonwealth Development Authority's plan to close down their Tinian field office.

"We've been contacted by CDA that their Tinian office will be closing," Palacios told the board. Of the seven board members, only Diego M. Songao of Rota was absent and excused from the meeting.

NMHC shares its Tinian

field office with CDA at King's Building in San Jose, Tinian.

NMHC is a subsidiary of CDA and both agencies have the same board composition.

Palacios disclosed that CDA wants to give the landlord a 30-day notice before terminating its office lease by Nov. 30.

According to Palacios, NMHC and CDA both pay for \$624 on a monthly basis for the Tinian office. The fee is inclusive of the office rent, utilities, and equipment rental.

He said that once CDA Tinian office closes down, NMHC will have to pay the entire \$1,248 per month or close to \$15,000 a year to maintain its Tinian office.

Edwin P. Aldan, Tinian board representative, described the office space as twice the size

of the conference room at the NMHC office in Garapan.

Aldan said the office is also used by NMHC as a storage space for furniture, appliances, plywood, and other materials owned by the agency.

"If it's only for NMHC to occupy, it's too big," said Palacios.

Board chair Marcie M. Tomokane instructed Palacios to recommend to the board whether or not NMHC will keep the same office space for the Tinian field office, to which Palacios replied that he would seek lease quotations to compare rates.

Tomokane also recommended that CDA's contract on equipment rental and fax line be transferred to NMHC in the event the former decides to shut down its office.

People who remember living during the Japanese colonial period (1914-1944) are being invited to be part of an ongoing research project conducted by Saipan resident Jessica Jordan.

Research questions focus on understanding memories of the Japanese period in terms of how they are relevant for life nowadays. Stories about Japanese colonial influences in the CNMI that may appear less often in mainstream sources are of special concern.

Principal investigator Jessica Jordan, a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of California, San Diego, is in the CNMI conducting research between October 2012 and early 2013. Contact jejordan@ucsd.edu or call 1-670-285-9554 for more information. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 31, 2000

Japanese officials pledge to help CNMI

Japanese officials had pledged to help CNMI spur its tourism industry by making favorable rating on the islands as destination for their citizens as well as by boosting the number of direct flights here, according to local leaders. In a statement released yesterday, the CNMI delegation that flew last week to Tokyo for three-day visit described the trip as "very productive." Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, who led the group composed of lawmakers and business representatives, called it a "success" during an interview with reporters, noting they were able to talk with members of Diet, Japan's parliament, key government officials and business leaders.

Garment sector pitches in \$62M to local businesses

The Saipan garment manufacturing industry contributes more than \$62 million to the Northern Marianas economy through direct and indirect procurement of goods and services from local businesses, disclosed a recent private sector study. This figure does not include \$73 million that the apparel manufacturing sector directly pitches in to the Commonwealth coffers through payment of various duties and fees, particularly on exports, labor, utilities, medical services and ports. The study commissioned by the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association and was conducted by Burger & Comer involved only 22 of the 30 apparel production companies on the island, which means actual figures could be higher.

Oct. 31, 2001

EMO sees need to improve response capability

With terrorist threats swarming emergency response offices in the nation, the Commonwealth's premiere anti-terrorist agency admitted that at present, it is just marginally capable of responding to a terroristic scenario. The Emergency Management Office, through federal programs coordinator Anthony M. Calvo, explained that being marginally capable means that there have been some progress in developing response capabilities, but substantial improvement needs to be done. "That is why we need federal assistance to increase our capability," Calvo said. "Our preparedness with regard to bioterrorism... we have very limited capability at this time."

House OKs Japanese doctors' licensure bill

Nearly four months after being first reported out from the House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, the lower chamber finally passed the proposed Japanese Doctors Licensure Act of 2001 during Monday's session. After a number of amendments that essentially restored the bill to its original form, the House of Representatives paved the way for Japanese doctors to practice medicine in the CNMI by passing House Bill 12-355 and sending it to the Senate for adoption. It was not an easy process, though, with some representatives opposing the measure before it was amended on the floor for passage.

Oct. 31, 2002

Tinian airport opening move to Jan. 2003

Bad weather condition and change orders on apron design will delay the official opening of the West Tinian International Airport by another three weeks, the Commonwealth Ports Authority disclosed yesterday. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said weather disturbances that recently struck the Northern Marianas have delayed the ongoing construction of the West Tinian airport, affecting the scheduled opening date. In addition to the inclement weather, Salas explained that change orders on the apron design also attributed to the decision to push back the official opening of the airport. "It would be a minimum of three weeks to one month since we have to wait for the Federal Aviation Administration to test the runway first before we get the certification," the executive director explained.

House OKs CUC-CDA agreements

The House of Representatives yesterday passed twin pieces of legislation envisioned to heal the long-standing conflict between the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth Development Authority. Sixteen members present during yesterday's session voted to adopt the Senate's amendments to House-drafted bills 13-106 and 13-107—the Memorandum of Understandings pertaining to the waiver of CUC's loan interest to CDA and CUC's debt payment to CDA, respectively.



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6th Trunk and Treat today at the American Memorial Park

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REPORTER

The American Memorial Park is all revved up for the 6th Annual Trunk or Treat at 4pm today, with nearly 20 government agencies, civic groups, and other community members setting up booths to provide families a safe environment for Halloween.

The trick-or-treating at the AMP parking lot starts at 4pm, and participants are expected to park their vehicles at the venue between 2pm and 3:30pm and get ready before they open their decorated trunks and give away candies and other treats, said Park Ranger Susan Fishman-Tudor.

The rest of the public will be allowed to do parallel parking in the grassy area along Micro Beach Road, around the Micro Beach area or by the Smiling Cove Marina behind the park.

Fishman-Tudor said yesterday that the 6th Annual Trunk or Treat took several months to prepare to give the public a Halloween event that is "more logically prepared" and would give out a lot more candies.

"We assure that there will be surprises and developments throughout the evening," she said.

Fishman-Tudor said the annual event puts emphasis on the wellbeing of the public, with the park rangers implementing safety measures such as closing the parking lot as early as last night, giving away glow lights and designating parking spaces, and making use of the Saipan Southern

Man indicted for allegedly giving false testimony before grand jury

A man was indicted for allegedly lying to a federal grand jury in connection with the investigation into a cardboard box that contained eight federally protected fruit bats at the Rota airport last year.

The indictment charged Ryan James Inos Manglona with three counts of false declaration before the grand jury and one count of obstruction of justice.

The indictment was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Sept. 25, 2012, but was unsealed only last week after federal agents served the arrest warrant on Manglona.

During an initial appearance hearing late Thursday afternoon, Robert Torres appeared as court-appointed counsel for the defendant.

Manglona pleaded not guilty. He was released on a \$20,000 unsecured bond with some conditions.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the jury trial for Dec. 31, 2012.

According to the indictment, on Oct. 17, 2010, U.S. Transportation Security Administration agents discov-



Park rangers Susan Fishman-Tudor and Rosreaann Leon Guerrero smile for the camera as they stand next to the picture booth, one of the activities for the 6th Annual Trunk or Treat event at the American Memorial Park starting at 4pm today.

High School JROTC cadets to facilitate traffic flow.

AMP's Halloween celebration will feature new elements this year, including a photo booth made by volunteers and where children can have their photos taken, as well as a wide range of arts and crafts activities such as coloring books and mask-making tools.

Additionally, there will be nonstop screening of family-friendly Halloween movies such as *Casper*. Fishman-Tudor explained that the film showing and the rest of indoor activities are meant to entertain the trick-or-treaters in case of a downpour.

SSHS' Manta Ray Band will provide live music for the event that's expected to draw thousands of youths

and young-at-hearts. Another band, the Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band, is also expected to play music for the crowd after working hours.

A winner for the Best Decorated Trunk will be selected and there will be a "trash bin monster" created by AMP and the Division of Environmental Quality "to minimize and bring to the forefront the discouragement of making trash" during today's event.

"We've been preparing for this event for a long time so we're really excited. We look forward to the Trunk or Treat every year and we hope that other Halloween events would go safely as well," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

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Love and death: The eternal lure of the vampire

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SYRACUSE, N.Y.—The annual observance of Halloween as an unofficial American holiday can't help but make us wonder: Why are many supposedly normal people attracted by the dark side? Likewise, the successes of "The Twilight Saga," "Vampire Diaries," and diverse other current vampire tales raise a more specific question: What's behind the allure of this particular creature of the night?

Vampires are nothing new. In Western culture—this unique beast can be traced back to the Bible. In its unexpurgated form, the Hebrew Torah contains a "first wife" for Adam, Lilith, who subsisted on human flesh. The Greeks had a parallel creature called Lamia who sucked away men's life-force in a ritual that combined sex and violence. Every culture has some sort of vampire figure, male or female, with names ranging from succubus to Nosferatu.

Apparently, these are legendary (loosely based on fact) rather than mythic (entirely fictitious) beings. Early renderings of the vampire portrayed male bloodsuckers as rat-like carriers of the plague. During the Victorian Era, Dublin-based writer Bram Stoker transformed the historical figure Vlad the Impaler (1431-76) of Transylvania into a literary figure, Count Dracula. At that moment, the modern vampire was born as a figure of dangerous sexual allure.

With the publication of "Dracula" in 1897, the vampire emerged as a romantic figure in the most melancholy sense of that term. After all, what could be more romantic than to die for love? Key to this is the convention that a vampire can never enter a house without invitation. Dracula emerged as the original "bad boy," able to seduce good London girls away from boring fiancés and husbands—never mind that these women sense all along that Dracula's embrace carries the kiss of death.

Human beings tend to be both repulsed and attracted by such a relationship. If few people are actually willing to go that route in actuality, isn't that what popular fiction has always existed for? Anyone can experience the thrill secondhand by reading an Anne Rice novel or catching the latest vampire movie or mini-series—just as Victorians thrilled to Dracula in print, then on stage, and, soon thereafter, on the Silver Screen. With vampires, however, the concept of 'vicarious living' turns into vicarious dying.

But what a way to go!

Vampires have been drawn into the eclectic mix of modern Halloween that also includes witches, zombies, and grotesque figures from contemporary cinema such as Freddie and Jason—symbols of evil building upon one another in a macabre pyramid. Though Halloween draws on pagan rites from the ancient Celts, with their harvest festivals and celebration of the dead and undead, this questionable holiday appears to have been created by the Catholic Church around 1556.

Its name derives from the All Hallows' Evening (or Eve), the holy night preceding All Saints' Day, which celebrated those who had done the most good in the world and encouraged believers not only to admire but to emulate such behavior. The common folk wondered if, in anticipation of their promise to follow a straight, sober,

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All Hallows Evening

The hallowed evening in Christendom refers to the night before All Saints' Day, preceding the next day's All Souls' Day. Saints' Day reveres the dead. All Souls' have disembodied spirits (souls) in limbo awaiting notice in purgatory for possible accommodations in the celestial realm (may also head for the inferno), wandering about incognito (thus the mask and the costume), scaring friends and foes.

Trick is the ethos of the evening (as in Tricky Dick for you-know-who), an April Fool's touch before the first of November. Detroit Tigers were dwarfed by the Giants. Frankenstorm Sandy horrifies the East Coast; Canada shuddered at 7.7 on the Richter scale. Halloween is observed daily. Scare is the name of the game; fear the expected product. The marketing of fear stalks stalls of the free market economy, for in it lays the invisible hand of the marketplace hawking palliatives to salve our insecurities and uncertainties.

We've been having a Halloween Party since the US took command of the global economy after the disastrous market collapse of '29. Layers and layers of insurances and assurances in cozy buddy-buddy networks were laid to guarantee and warranty an acceptable future. But instead of squirming nuts for a rainy day, we borrowed contributions to invest in more destructive armaments and drones so we can annihilate folks who do not think and pray the way we do.

We funded and trained al-Qaeda to give Russkie a run for his rubles, and the mujahideen did tire Boris out of the Kyber Pass, but then we physically took over to feed our greed on the minerals buried in them mountains. Subservient to our hunger for natural resource, our politicos kept funding military firepower so we can police the width and breath of the planet, particularly where there are oil and rare earth minerals! Followers of the Prophets took their prayer mats back to the hills, and pointed their new M-16 and AK-47 on the "Green Beret."

Building on the phantom wealth of finances that we control by printing greenbacks willy-nilly, we manipulate value as traded in a network of stock markets, financed by central banks that use our currency as the medium of exchange. The new global corporate order eats pizza and hamburger, drinks carbonated soda, and smoke cigarettes banned from our home smoking parlors.

Two forces shook the earth from under our feet. One came as a dramatic assault on our complacency that we shall always "act as if we owned the world," a Noam Chomsky phrase. A few guys who lived under spartan and moralistic metaphor system decided to glorify their existence by driving four of our titanium-laced flybirds into targets not on their scheduled destination. New York gave us deeply disturbing images of the collapsing twin towers of its Trade Center, and the nation rode the fear of a demonstrated threat to justify the institutionalization of perpetual fear. Homeland Security was born.

By JAIME R. VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Former PSS teacher Jaime Vergara now teaches at Hang Gong Hang Tian Da Zue, Shenyang Aerospace University and is currently traveling in north Inner Mongolia in the prefecture of Hulunbeier.



That dramatic event, ironically now known as 9/11, is a watershed in the derangement of a people, and a profitable incentive to those who controlled the reins of what an outgoing U.S. President warned the country about, a military-industrial complex!

Not as dramatic but of a slow tsunami deluge force began in the early '80s when we discovered moving manufacturing setups from the sprawling suburbia of American cities to sweatshops in Shanghai and Shenzhen. The country's cheap labor suddenly became available in an internal program of reform and investment, and Uncle Sam led the world to part China's bamboo curtains.

Forgetting Napoleon's warning not to wake a sleeping tiger, we practiced chopsticks on chow mein and got a deceptively benign prancing panda. We got cozy. Korean rapper PSY recently let out a viral Gangnam Rap, and the Panda is now a hip-humping cutie. All told, the renminbi owns 10 percent of the US. In a couple of our forays into the mainland markets in the last four years, almost all items on the store shelves were labeled "Made in China."

In this election year, it has become fashionable on the stump to engage in China bashing. In fact, what we did not anticipate when we moved factory a few time zones away was that the digitized designs we forwarded for rapid and cheap production were immediately copied. Apple laptops are prized status symbols in China and there are plenty around. I bought a \$350 Apple laptop on Saipan three years ago that ran on MS Windows! China voraciously uses iPods, iPads, iPhones, and iMacs. TV anchors invariably has one before them. "To copy or not to copy," is not the question. It came with the territory.

At least, the Panda comes with a plastered smile. It is very telling that Chinese English learners have difficulty distinguishing between "smile" from "smell." The Panda smile comes with the Panda poo-poo, and while the American Chamber of Commerce have chalked up the stink into its cost of doing business column, some "corruptive" practices in contractual arrangements, designed to be "protective and cooperative" in its Fujian Tong origins, have also seeped in as opportunity advantage of close colleagues and relations in the commercial transactions of every economy around the world.

Halloween has become real. For its local practice, Glen Hunter does not think it is funny. We agree.

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Fiscal calamity slides home

This government is broke! Evidence of budgetary shortfalls overwhelmingly confirms the deepening fiscal calamity at home. There's no money to pay debts with the Fund, PSS, and CHC, as we stare, a bit dazed, if not shocked, for spending beyond our means. And we keep incurring more of it in what's known as deficit spending.

Interior's Tony Babauta is here to coach our fiscally illiterate bunch how to steer clear of using deficit spending to pile up more debts beyond our ability to pay. It would be interesting to see his report on, yes, NMI's mountain of debts.

As though current debt isn't enough, the governor signed a power plant deal totaling \$2.3 billion over a 25-year period. Appalling that he ignored the significant decline in revenues, a serious indicator that the economy is bleeding viciously from a complete meltdown especially under his watch.

The governor narrowly missed the bullet of impeachment. But the defeat of the resolution automatically approved the \$2.3 billion debt that literally sends taxpayers to the slaughterhouse. A perfect recipe robbing our children of their economic freedom! In the process, Republicans seriously pitched into the degradation of democratic principles, specifically our people's rights to honest governance via a government of laws!

Now Republican minions are peddling approval of casinos and the sale of developed public land to meet \$320 million in unfunded liabilities with the Fund. Apparently, they are not done piling more debts against our children.

The irony in all these is in the governor's inability to use his experience to gather leadership into meaningful and purposeful discussion of significant issues. I'm sure he knows that every single interaction involves influencing and persuading others in order to get what he wants. But he dishes incendiary insults against legislators, then ask for cooperation and collaboration. Respect, sir, is earned! It's also a two-way street. It never begins and ends with your whimsical and abrasive dictates.

I know that great leaders worth their salt understand that this persuasion is everywhere and that not only do you have to have great work ethic, you also have to have the "ability to have relatable, effective and influential relationships." Thus it requires integrity and respect for others whose role could move your agenda from point

A to B. But he's burned his bridges at every opportunity with arrogance. And he expects cooperation from others?

A hospital in shambles

A lot has gone wrong in paradise including snoozing on the job while pushing fatally punitive and destructive policies against businesses, not to mention trashing good governance.

Reportedly, CHC is in shambles. "Perhaps in an effort to deflect responsibility for CHC's collapse, the governor's release did not include the candid language labeled 'Current Corporate Operational Status': 'The creation of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation in October of 2011 and transition to a stand-alone health care system has not been successful. There was inadequate planning and funding for the transition.'

"The system is in danger of failing. It has critical financial, clinical, and operational issues that must be addressed immediately."

"The system lacks experienced leadership in key positions who can direct changes that are needed."

Appalling how he ignored fiduciary fiscal responsibility to fund the most important government agency dealing with the health and wellbeing of our people. Why the contemptuous disposition where he toys with everyone's life?

Perhaps it's a sneaky or stealth calculation, hoping that funding the hospital would disappear into thin air. It never did. It came roaring back like a two-headed corn snake. We say thanks to Health-Tech for its candid and timely exposé of the hospital's dire conditions. Without its intervention healthcare would also be hurled into the dumpster! Can't fathom that, with fiscal calamity and economic cataclysm at home, Republicans still want to rule? *No mas!*

Answer isn't in quick fixes

Perhaps nobody saw some 32 years ago that we've approved a monstrosity known as the Fund that will drive the local treasury steadily into fiscal cliff.

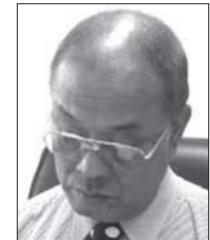
Pile all the filthy politics that did nothing but balloon the obligations of the Fund and you could see why the system is unsustainable.

Borrowing via pension obligation bond isn't the answer if the intent is to retire the current liability so the Fund begins anew with

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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basically the same debt. Call it running in place. If the planned loan isn't intended as a corresponding contribution, then it's a tale that at some point in the near term the Fund would go belly up once more. Do we saddle our children with more debts as to ruin their economic future?

Resolving the future of the Fund requires the ocular and critical review of financial analysts and investment consultants. Rendering quick political solutions only invites more trouble than what we have to endure today. I reiterate, the POB alternative is not the recipe to finding corresponding contribution to ensure the Fund's sustainability. Investment is the answer, though this involves a process that is itself time consuming.

But this requires realistic and critical resetting of our investment button forthwith. We can't deal with fiscal calamity if we consistently ignore growing the most productive sector of the economy we call private industries.

If need be, current retirees and members must be asked to take a greater share of paying for their benefits. It's the only way to ensure sustainability. To leave it to someone else would only pave the way for its eventual demise or total bankruptcy. Think and think about how do we resuscitate it from going belly up.

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Christmas is just around the corner. Have you heard your kids singing, *One Little Candle*? The song says it's "better to light one little candle than stumble in the dark." We've been stumbling in the dark, haven't we? What holiday season this would be where every family juggles pennies, nickels and dimes to see which expense falls under, "nice to have," "must have" or "can't have." Let's march on for the work of evil geniuses behind corruption shall pass too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A threat to local marine sports businesses

I attended a special hearing at the House chamber on Friday regarding DPL's proposed amendments to Managaha Island regulations and concession agreement.

During the hearing I heard that public comments were submitted to DPL for the amendments (ZERO in favor, 322 opposed). I also listened to every comment by the public that occurred during the hearing (again, all opposing the amendments).

What struck me more than anything was that DPL, even after the submitted comments and live comments, all opposing the amendments, showed no indication that they were listening, or that they cared and that they fully intend to adopt the amendments. If this is the case, what's the point of "public comment" and "public hearings" that are mandated by law?

The issue as I understand it is this: For over 20 years the accepted interpretation of the "The Agreement for Special Recreational Concession" (Managaha Island) has not changed. It has allowed local businesses to drop off and pick up tourists on package tours originating from Saipan.

However, during the last six months, DPL's interpretation of the contract has drastically changed three times. These changes in interpretation boil down to *one word* in the contract, the word "from" in the following provision: "The Concessionaire [Tasi Tours] shall

have the exclusive right to...the conduct of tours on the Island and FROM the Island (Managaha)."

In the latest interpretation, companies that drop customers on Managaha Island, then return to pick up these customers at a later time to continue their package tour are NOW considered to be conducting tours FROM Managaha Island (even though their package tour has an origin on Saipan and was sold, organized, and scheduled on Saipan), therefore now violating the Agreement for Special Recreation Concession. These tours are not from Managaha; they are from Saipan.

Managaha Island is the gem of the marine sports business and the highlight of every packaged tour. By not allowing other marine sports businesses to drop their clients there, DPL is effectively shutting these local businesses down in favor of one foreign-owned business.

I personally know several local marine sports business owners and several family members who derive their income from marine sports. If DPL is allowed to go ahead with its latest interpretation, these local families will no longer have the means of support.

Mark Staal

As Matu's, Saipan

ard III and Macbeth—than enamored by such upstanding heroes as Henry V.

That fascination continues unabated. Perhaps this is most vividly realized in the novel and film "Silence of the Lambs": Even the noble female lead (and audience surrogate) finds herself mesmerized by the monolithic power of Hannibal Lecter's capacity for evil.

If mankind is essentially good, as we wish—perhaps need—to believe, why then are we held spellbound in darkness by such atavistic forces?

If perhaps we will never be able to fully answer that question, the viewing of vampire films and the continued celebration of All Hallow's Eve remind us that even the finest among us retains an ancient urge for a more controlled version of what once, long ago, constituted mankind's annual walk on the wild side.

Nothing fits

I was just sitting down when I recalled in my mind an old adage that flicked up after skimming through the recent "letters to the editor" of Mr. Ambrose Bennett.

A prominent member of the community was lamenting about his walk-in cloth closet full of lovely attires and only a few he could practically use. We find this phenomenon very common where one has plenty of clothes that only look good on hangers but nothing fits and useful commensurate with the weather.

To me, this adage is applicable to what Mr. Ambrose Bennett is saying about the race between Delegate Gregorio Sablan and Ignacia T. Demapan. Let us not forget at this point in the discussion that the last time Mr. Ambrose Bennett supported a candidate where he plastered the Letters to the Editor section of newspapers was the last election of the Washington delegate four years ago. Mr. Bennett's candidate lost the election.

It seems that Mr. Bennett is saying things that are not resonating with the electorate, and what he says just doesn't fit with the mentality of the electorate of the CNMI. The sad thing about all this, the electorate that read comments made by Mr. Bennett do not recognize the message and, if those messages were solicited by the benefactor in this case, Mrs. Ignacia T. Demapan, the same result would again reign in this year's election. So, I would recommend to Mrs. Ignacia T. Demapan's camp to declare that Mr. Ambrose Bennett's messages were not solicited and authorized by her so that in this way the air is cleared and unadulterated by anyone, including the persona of Mr. Ambrose Bennett.

Mrs. Demapan has a few days to do this in order to get back on track, banking on her own strength and personal effort. Otherwise, Mr. Gregorio Sablan is sure and certain that he will keep his job as the CNMI delegate to the U.S. Congress. This is just a few thoughts in mind, recalling recent events about the election of the delegate to the U.S. Congress. Mr. Bennett's predictions in the course of his discourse about issues in the CNMI might have been well said but nothing fits.

Francisco R. Agulto

Kannat Tabla, Saipan

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steady life, they might be allowed to blow off steam a few hours before embarking on such a saintly course.

Apparently the church agreed that such a safety valve might be a good idea. So began the tradition of quasi-controlled mischief against one's neighbors (unless a sufficient treat was offered) that would be continued in the American colonies.

Halloween in general, and vampires more specifically, touch upon an element in mankind of which Shakespeare appears to have been aware. Around 1605, the Bard of Avon realized that audiences were far more fascinated with his wicked characters—say, Rich-

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲86 ▾79
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▾78
Yap	Showers	▲89 ▾78
Chuuk	Showers	▲88 ▾79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▾77
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▾77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▾81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▾57
Beijing	Sunny	▲60 ▾33
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲77 ▾68
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▾72
London	Showers	▲51 ▾43
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲74 ▾56
Manila	Sunny	▲90 ▾76
Melbourne	Showers	▲62 ▾56
Miami	Sunny	▲78 ▾61
New York	Showers	▲53 ▾43
Osaka	Sunny	▲63 ▾50
Paris	Sunny	▲54 ▾36
Pusan	Sunny	▲62 ▾44
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲63 ▾54
Salem	Rain	▲58 ▾51
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲66 ▾59
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲50 ▾34
Tokyo	Sunny	▲67 ▾51
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▾44



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A warm front extends southeastward from 25N149E to 23N159E. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are occurring near Minami Tori Shima along and north of the front to beyond 25N. A cold front stretches northeastward from 22N165E to beyond 25N at 173E. Low-level convergence ahead of the front is producing scattered showers and thunderstorms near Wake Island along and up to 300 miles southeast of the front. An old shear line extends southwestward from 18N155E to 8N130E. Scattered showers are found along and up to 200 miles northwest of this boundary. Isolated thunderstorms are also found up to 150 miles northwest of the shear line east of 148E. A weak surface trough curves northward from 3N163E to 9N160E to 16N161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present south of Pohnpei between the equator and 6N from 157E to 162E and between Kosrae and Kwajalein within 150 miles of a line from 17N167E to 3N166E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the eastern Marshall Islands between 5N and 11N from 170E to the date line.

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Today	6:47 PM	7:06 AM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Thursday	7:32 PM	7:55 AM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Friday	8:20 PM	8:44 AM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM	Saturday	9:09 PM	9:32 AM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM	Sunday	9:59 PM	10:19 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCT. 27, 2012

DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)		
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:45am
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)		
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am
OZ604	3:30pm	7:10pm

PUSAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)		
UZ608	3:20am	6:35am

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am

SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN		
VLK1734	2:00am	8:15am

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)		

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OIA leads opening of rehabilitated wastewater treatment plant

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Assistant Interior Secretary Tony Babauta led the ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday for the newly rehabilitated Aguingan Point wastewater treatment plant.

The project, which also included building some new structures at the plant and procurement of tools and equipment for wastewater operation, was funded by both the Office of Insular Affairs and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Babauta, in his brief remarks at the ceremony, said that his office provided some \$1.6 million for the project while the rest came from an EPA grant.

He specifically commended U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan for demonstrating strong leadership in Congress by making sure the OIA budget is intact so it could provide more assistance to the CNMI.

Saipan Tribune learned that the EPA grant amounted to \$3.3 million, which came from the fiscal year 2011's \$3.774 million budget provided by Congress under the Clean Water Fund.

For fiscal year 2012, the CNMI stands to receive \$6.7 million for water and sewer projects. This amount is higher than in 2009 because Sablan



worked with members of Congress to change the percentage of EPA money that goes to the islands—from 0.33 percent for water and 0.28 percent for sewer to 1.5 percent for each.

Babauta said his office would not be able to do all its work without the great assistance of many individuals and offices, such as Sablan and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials and staff.

The completion of the Aguingan Point wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation will benefit thousands of residents from Chalan Laulau to Koblerville and the airport.

CUC estimates its clientele in these areas at about 17,000.

The wastewater treatment plant was originally built in 1992. At its prime, the Aguingan plant had the capacity to treat 3

million gallons of wastewater per day. However, throughout the years, the plant deteriorated and suffered numerous failures, resulting in long periods of non-compliance with federal standards.

Lt. Cmdr. Brian Bearden, CUC's engineer and U.S. Public Health Service Officer, said the project entailed replacing virtually all mechanical components of the plant, including aerators, pumps, valves, and controls and the replacement of major concrete structural components.

Besides being an important part of public health and environment, the newly completed project is also a "fantastic" addition to CUC, according to CUC acting executive director Alan Fletcher. He lauded the OIA, EPA, and the Fitial administration for their continuous assistance to CUC's needs.

Fletcher said the funding assistance also allowed CUC to build a new staff office for both administrative uses and plant health and safety purposes, and a separate building for the backup generator. The grant funds also paid for vehicles and plant equipment.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Interior Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta, front, fourth from right, and acting Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive officer Alan Fletcher, front center, lead Monday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly rehabilitated Aguingan Point wastewater treatment plant, which received \$4.9 million in funding assistance from the Office of Insular Affairs and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-13-004

INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-13-004 Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines on Gloria Drive, Ocean View Drive, Isla Drive and Puetto St. Installation of new PRVs, gate valves, and construction of new booster pump station. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bidding Documents may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file, at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-004, Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 20, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price and Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2012** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COMMONWEALTH ELECTION COMMISSION

Early Voting & Polling Place Designation Announcement

This is to inform all CNMI Voters that pursuant to 1 CMC §6222 and §6224, the 2012 General Election Early Voting period for the 1st Senatorial District of Rota, the 2nd Senatorial District of Tinian and the 3rd Senatorial District of Saipan will commence on Saturday, October 27th, 2012 and end on Monday, November 5th, 2012. The polling places for all 3 senatorial districts will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. each day, inclusive of weekends and holidays. The polling places for the Early Voting period are as follows:

1st Senatorial District – Rota

Rota DPS, Songsong Village **(for residents of Rota, Saipan, Tinian & Northern Islands temporarily on Rota)**

2nd Senatorial District – Tinian

Tinian DPS, San Jose Tinian **(for residents of Tinian, Saipan, Rota & Northern Islands temporarily on Tinian)**

3rd Senatorial District – Saipan

Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe **(for residents of Saipan, Tinian, Rota & Northern Islands temporarily on Saipan)**

In addition, pursuant to 1 CMC §6105 (c), the CEC hereby announces the designated polling places for the upcoming November 6th, 2012 General Election. The polling places for the general election will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the same day. The polling places are as follows:

Election District

Precinct 1A (San Antonio Area)

Precinct 1B San Vicente/Dandan Area

Precinct 1C (Koblerville Area)

Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe)

Precinct 3A (Oleai/Chalan Laulau Area)

Precinct 3B (Garapan Area)

Precinct 4A (Tanapag Area)

Precinct 4B (San Roque Area)

Precinct 4C (Capitol Hill Area)

Precinct 4D (Northern Islands)

Precinct 5 (Kagman Area)

Precinct 6 (Tinian)

Precinct 7 (Rota)

Polling Place

Hopwood Junior High School Cafeteria
(Football field entrance)

Dandan Elementary School (Dandan
baseball/softball field entrance)

Koblerville Youth Center (Adjacent DPS
Substation)

Joeten/Kiyu Public Library

Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium

Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria (North
entrance)

Tanapag Elementary Cafeteria

GTC Elementary School (San Roque)

Jesus P. Mafnas Legislative Building

Northern Islands

Kagman Community Center

Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria

NMC Campus-Rota

As mandated by 1 CMC §6218, voters must ensure that they bring with them a pictured ID as they will be required to present it in order to be issued a ballot at the polls. For more information, please contact the Commonwealth Election Commission at 664-8683(VOTE).

Election Season

Photos by Haidee V. Eugenio



A participant at a rally for clean government wears a shirt with the words that describe the sentiment of many in the CNMI paying for skyrocketing power bills.



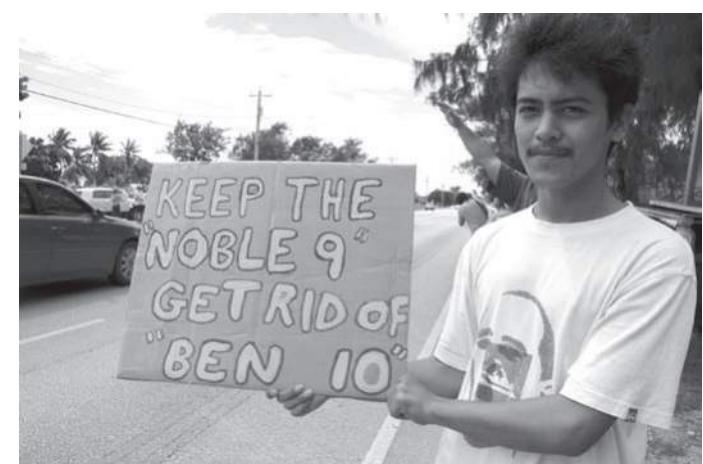
Participants at a Saturday rally for clean government hold a giant banner that best summarizes their sentiment.



Two men hold placards calling for a corruption-free government, during a rally for clean government on Saturday in Susupe.



Wearing an American-flag inspired hat, Frances Yumul holds campaign posters of her sons Rep. Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) seeking a Senate seat, and Ralph Yumul, running for a House seat, as well as for Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), during a rally for clean government on Saturday.



A young man carries a placard supporting the re-election of the nine House members who voted "yes" to a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and advocating the ouster of the 10 who voted "no" to it, during a rally for clean government in Susupe on Saturday.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), left, leads his supporters in a roadside waving during a rally for clean government on Saturday in Susupe.



Independent Precinct 2 candidate Daniel "Danny" Aquino, left, is joined by his wife and supporters at a roadside waving during Saturday's rally for clean government.



Their posters pretty much say it all, at a rally for clean government on Saturday.



Dr. Ignacia Demapan, third from right, waves to passing motorists along with her supporters and other candidates of the Republican Party by the Carolinian Ut in Garapan on Saturday.



Members of the Refaluwasch community wave at passing motorists during a Republican Party rally in Susupe on Sunday afternoon.

Business

Hurricane Sandy grounds air travel in Northeast

NEW YORK (AP)—Hurricane Sandy brought air travel to a halt in the Northeast Monday, grounding thousands of flights and upending travel plans across the globe. Planes and passengers are likely to remain stranded Tuesday and it could be a number of days before airport operations are back

to normal.

According to the flight-tracking service FlightAware, nearly 12,500 flights had been canceled for Monday and Tuesday, almost all related to the storm.

Major carriers such as American Airlines, United and Delta cancelled all flights into and out of three area airports in

New York, the nation's busiest airspace. About one-quarter of all U.S. flights travel to or from New York airports each day. So cancellations here can dramatically impact travel in other cities.

Delays rippled across the U.S., affecting travelers in cities from San Francisco to

Atlanta. Disruptions spread to Europe and Asia, where airlines cancelled or delayed flights to New York and Washington from cities that are major travel hubs—including London, Paris, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Sandy caused Eric Danielson to miss his first day of work at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. He thought he'd be looking at a two-hour layover in Hartsfield-Jackson

Atlanta International Airport on his way from San Francisco to Norfolk, Va.

But Sandy changed his schedule. "Now it's beginning to be a 28-hour layover until tomorrow," he said.

By early afternoon, the storm's winds had strengthened to 90 mph and had already knocked out power to tens of thousands of people. Sandy was 110 miles southeast of Atlantic City, N.J., and

had turned toward the west, as forecasters feared. Sandy is on track to collide with a wintry storm moving in from the west and cold air streaming down from the Arctic.

Even if storm damage is minor it could be a week before operations are normal at major East Coast airports, said Angela Gittens, director general of the Airports Council International, a trade group for airports worldwide.

2 top executives leaving Apple

NEW YORK (AP)—Apple Inc. shook up its executive ranks Monday, saying the head of its store operations is leaving after just six months on the job and the long-serving head of its iPhone software development operations is exiting next year.

Apple didn't say why retail senior vice president John Browett and iOS software SVP Scott Forstall were leaving, but both have presided over missteps this year.

Browett cut staffing hours at Apple's retail stores, a move the company reversed and acknowledged as a mistake. Forstall's division launched a software update in September that replaced Google Maps with Apple's first mapping application. It quickly drew unfavorable comparisons

to the software it was replacing, and Apple apologized.

Browett's departure is immediate, and the company is looking for a replacement. Forstall will act as an advisor to CEO Tim Cook until he leaves, Apple said. His responsibilities will be divided among other Apple veterans.

Forstall joined Apple in 1997 with the company's purchase of Steve Jobs' NeXT startup. Apple credits him as one of the original architects of Mac OS X.

Craig Federighi, who is now in charge of the Mac OS, will add iOS development to his responsibilities, Apple said, but Jony Ive, the chief designer behind the distinctive look of Apple hardware, will take re-

sponsibility for the look and feel of Apple's software.

Eddy Cue, head of Apple's online services and iTunes, will assume responsibility for Maps and Siri, the "virtual assistant" application on the iPhone and iPad.

Browett took over the store operations after Ron Johnson, who helped create the Apple stores, left to become CEO at J.C. Penney Co. in November.

Apple has more than 360 stores, and they're unique in several ways. They sell more per square foot than any other chain in the U.S., yet they account for just 12 percent of Apple's overall sales. They're ambassadors of Apple's brand, and provide customers with an easy way to access in-person technical support.

Sea have further crimped demand, especially for big-ticket items like cars. Slowing growth in China, meanwhile, has hit demand for industrial inputs like steel and machinery.

"Industrial production is on a downward trend," the ministry said, forecasting a further decline in October, followed by a rebound in November.

The central bank was meeting Tuesday, with many expecting it to expand its assets-purchasing program, aimed at catalyzing demand to counter slowing growth.

Embattled Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda convened an extraordinary session of the legislature on Monday, appealing

to the opposition Liberal Democratic Party to cooperate in passing a bill authorizing bond sales to finance the growing deficit.

Japan already leads industrial nations with government debt amounting to more than twice the country's gross domestic product. It now faces a "fiscal cliff" thanks to a standoff over the timing of the next elections, which is preventing issuance of 38.3 trillion yen (about \$480 billion) in deficit financing.

"We still have work to do!" Noda said in a speech that repeatedly reminded lawmakers of their responsibility toward future generations. He warned that funding shortfalls threaten to affect crucial government services.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW12-RFP-004

PROCUREMENT OF SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE MARPI SOLID WASTE FACILITY

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Acting Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide Security Services for the Marpi Solid Waste Facility (MSWF), Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Preference is available to U. S. Citizens or Permanent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the proposal if preference is claimed.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after October 17, 2012 at the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station on November 2, 2012. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Alex S. Chong, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station, Saipan, or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m., local time, November 7, 2012.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Relevant Qualification & Experience of the Firm, Personnel & Staff:	45%
2. Past Experience or Equivalent on Similar Projects:	35%
3. Current Workload of the Firm and Ability to Commit Staff to the Project:	10%
4. Price:	10%

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW12-RFP-004." For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, November 9, 2012. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, November 9, 2012, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 9, 2012 and must be received no later November 21, 2012. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be caused for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to insure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposal and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussion, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by proposers.

The successful proposer will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with § 70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

All response to this RFP shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal in the best interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ANTHONY A. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLON
Director of Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW12-IFB-008

CONSTRUCTION OF TINIAN BOATING SAFETY BUILDING, TINIAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Tinian Boating Safety Building, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after October 17, 2012 at DPW Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue—Capitol Hill, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (\$US100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. However, the local Business Preference is not available because its use is prohibited by federal law granting funding for this project.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on November 07, 2012, 1:30 p.m. local time at the Tinian Boating Safety Building. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 16, 2012 to Mr. Arthur B. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue—Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Arthur B. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue—Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Saled bids must be marked "DPW12-IFB-008". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time November 28, 2012. Bidders located outside of the CNMI will obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time November 28, 2012, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 28, 2012 and must be received no later than December 10, 2012. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, December 11, 2012. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on November 28, 2012.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, in certified check, Cashier's Check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit under penalty of perjury:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Two-Hundred Forty (240) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (\$US100.00) per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ANTHONY A. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLON
Director of Procurement & Supply

/s/ ANICETO T. OGUMORO
Acting Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Nation

Superstorm Sandy slams into New Jersey coast

NEW YORK (AP)—Superstorm Sandy slammed into the New Jersey coastline with 80 mph winds Monday night and hurled an unprecedented 13-foot surge of seawater at New York City, flooding its tunnels, subway stations and the electrical system that powers Wall Street. At least 13 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm, which brought the presidential campaign to a halt a week before Election Day.

For New York City at least, Sandy was not the dayslong onslaught many had feared, and the wind and rain that sent water sloshing into Manhattan from three sides began dying down within hours.

Still, the power was out for

hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers and an estimated 5.7 million people altogether across the East. And the full extent of the storm's damage across the region was unclear, and unlikely to be known until daybreak.

In addition, heavy rain and further flooding remain major threats over the next couple of days as the storm makes its way into Pennsylvania and up into New York State. Near midnight, the center of the storm was just outside Philadelphia, and its winds were down to 75 mph, just barely hurricane strength.

"It was nerve-racking for a while, before the storm hit.

Everything was rattling," said Don Schweikert, who owns a

bed-and-breakfast in Cape May, N.J., near where Sandy roared ashore. "I don't see anything wrong, but I won't see everything until morning."

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Eight days before the election, President Barack Obama switched from campaigner to hands-on commander of the federal response to Superstorm Sandy as it barreled across the Eastern Seaboard. Republican Mitt Romney scaled back his appearances and urged supporters to "do your very best" in donating to relief efforts.

The political pace quickened on Monday even without the customary clash of rallies

and rhetoric. Romney's allies put down \$1.2 million for a last-minute television ad campaign designed to make Pennsylvania competitive—or at least appear so—and the roll of early voters swelled past 15 million in scattered states.

With the race in its final full week, most national polls showed the two presidential rivals separated by a statistically insignificant point or two, although others said Romney had a narrow lead for the overall popular vote.

But the election will be won or lost in the nine most competitive states. Republicans claimed momentum there, but the president's high command projected confidence. And Romney's increasingly narrow focus on Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio suggested he still searched for a breakthrough in the Midwest to deny Obama the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

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As the storm closed in, it converged with a cold-weather system that turned it into a superstorm, a monstrous hybrid consisting not only of rain and high wind but snow in West Virginia and other mountainous

areas inland.

It smacked the boarded-up big cities of the Northeast corridor—Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston—with stinging rain and gusts of more than 85 mph.

Just before Sandy reached land, forecasters stripped it of hurricane status, but the distinction was purely technical, based on its shape and internal temperature. It still packed hurricane-force wind, and forecasters were careful to say it was still dangerous to the tens of millions in its path.

Sandy made landfall at 8 p.m. near Atlantic City, which was already mostly under water and saw an old, 50-foot piece of its world-famous Boardwalk washed away earlier in the day.

Authorities reported a record surge 13 feet high at the Battery at the southern tip of Manhattan, from the storm and high tide combined.

In an attempt to lessen damage from saltwater to the subway system and the electrical network beneath the city's financial district, New York City's main utility cut power to about 6,500 customers in lower Manhattan. But a far wider swath of the city was hit with blackouts caused by flooding and transformer explosions.

The city's transit agency said water surged into two major commuter tunnels, the Queens Midtown and the Brooklyn-Battery, and it cut power to some subway tunnels in lower Manhattan after water flowed into the stations and onto the tracks.

The subway system was shut down Sunday night, and the stock markets never opened Monday and are likely to be closed Tuesday as well.

The surge hit New York City hours after a construction crane atop a luxury high-rise collapsed in the wind and dangled precariously 74 floors above the street. Forecasters said the wind at the top of the building may have been close to 95 mph.

As the storm drew near, airlines canceled more than 12,000 flights, disrupting the plans of travelers all over the world.

Storm damage was projected at \$10 billion to \$20 billion, meaning it could prove to be one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history.

Thirteen deaths were reported in New Jersey, New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Some of the victims were killed by falling trees. At least one death was blamed on the storm in Canada.



ST. JUDE RENAL CARE FACILITY, INC.

Job Vacancy Announcement

(04) Registered Nurse

- Must pass NCLEX-RN and current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis-training program
- Must hold a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to five years' hemodialysis experience or related field
- English Language skills-Proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Certified nephrology Nurse (CNN) – Preferred
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.

(01) Licensed Practical Nurse

- Must pass NCLEX-LPN and current CNMI LPN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- One to four years hemodialysis experience or related field
- English Language skills-Proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.

(04) Building Maintenance & Repair

- Performs a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair tasks.
- Performs preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing, security systems, solar panel maintenance and construction with solester inverter experience.
- Performs rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and partitions.
- Maintains and repairs various equipment.
- High school graduate or equivalent.
- Prefer skills training in electrical, plumbing and other building trades areas.
- Extensive work experience with hemodialysis/maintenance is required.
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.
- Must have a valid driver's license.

(01) Water Treatment and Hemodialysis Technician

- The water treatment technician must be able to perform a number of tasks which may at first glance not appear difficult but require a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain the system. The ideal employee will possess:
 - Operational knowledge of mechanical, electrical, plumbing systems
 - Knowledge of the theory of fluid dynamics
 - Understand the mathematical relationships and common formulas of basic water treatment and distribution systems.
 - Know the specific operations of the water treatment and distribution systems unique to a dialysis unit.
 - Be familiar with infection control of hemodialysis facilities.
 - Be familiar with the safety and life safety policies.
 - Pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency test for certified water treatment and distribution operators level II preferred.
 - Understand the plumbing code and plumbing and hemodialysis techniques.
 - Be able to demonstrate safe working techniques for working with electricity.
 - Be able to demonstrate safe working techniques for working with pressure vessels for hemodialysis.
 - Be able to demonstrate proper plumbing and hemodialysis techniques especially when working with pvc.
 - Extensive experience of disposal of hazard waste per protocol.
 - In service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
 - Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.
 - Solar panel maintenance/construction with solester inverter experience.
 - To accept and perform all other duties as may be assigned.

(02) Commercial Cleaner

- Operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, polishers, buffers, etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings.
- Requires working in damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids, as required.
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste, and other disposable materials.
- Must handle various cleaning solvents, chemicals, etc.
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, window, etc.
- Empty trash containers daily.
- Wet mop floors and bathrooms daily. Damp mop all corridor floors, lobby, and others daily.
- Report any needed repairs immediately.
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc, periodically, especially in patients' areas and lobby.
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping services
- Must be able to work flexible hours.
- Must have own transportation.
- Is required to clean employee's house prior to and post occupancy.
- Is required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner the Business, Dr's., Accounting, Dietician, and Clinic Manager's Offices.

Interested applicants must submit an application or resume to St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc., dba Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan or for more information, please call 234-2902 and ask for Connie Aldan or Judy Arriola.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

(01) Registered Nurse

- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN License.
- At least two or five years experience.
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in nursing.
- English Language skills-Proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

(01) Front Office Manager

- At least over five years experience in medical billing, electronic health records and practice partner record.
- English Language skills-Proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- College graduate
- Must be familiar with medical terminology, ICD 9, coding of medical procedure and diagnosis
- Must be certified pharmacy technician
- Must be proficient in computer skills, spread sheet and general accounting skills.

(01) Ultrasound/X-Ray Technician

- At least five years experience or related field
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology
- Must be over five years experience in electronic health and practice partner records
- Experience/ Knowledge with Practice Partner software in electronic health records usage.
- Licensed by the medical Profession Licensing Board, CNMI

(01) Health Clinic System Manager

- A minimum of two to four years of work-related skill, knowledge, or experience.
- Bachelor's degree, or equivalent.
- Maintains specialized computer programs relating to health care operations (medical billing, patient records, scheduler)
- Maintenance of all Company's computer systems to include computer hardware, computer software, computer network and advance server skills.
- Overseas medical billing department utilizing specialized computer software.
- Overseas administrative areas and designs, develops and maintains a paperless computer system.
- Building maintenance repair, electronic record and prescription with meaningful use in compliance with medical and Medicaid standards.
- Performs such other duties as may be assigned.

(01) Clinic/Yard Maintenance

- Preferred skills and experience
- Building Construction/Renovation experience
- Experience solar maintenance pv models
- Must have a valid CNMI driver's license
- Must be flexible with time schedule

Please submit applications or resume to Health Professional Corporation dba Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan or call Connie or Judy at (670) 234-2901 ext. 124 for more information.

Asia

Survivors criticize Myanmar govt over clashes

SITTWE, Myanmar (AP)—Victims of ethnic clashes in western Myanmar lashed out at the government for failing to prevent violence between Muslims and Buddhists that has displaced more than 32,000 people over the last week.

The crisis, which erupted in June, has raised international concern and posed one of the biggest challenges yet to Myanmar's reformist President Thein Sein, who inherited power from a xenophobic military junta last year.

The latest violence between ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims began Oct. 21 and has left at least 84 people dead and 129 injured, according to the government. Human rights groups believe the true

Anti-Islam film said to fuel Indonesia terror plan

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian police said Monday anger at a U.S.-made anti-Islam film was among the motives behind failed terror attacks against foreign targets.

Last week, the anti-terror squad arrested 11 people suspected of planning attacks on domestic and foreign targets, including the U.S. Embassy and a site near the Australian Embassy.

National police spokesman Brig. Gen. Boy Rafli Amar said based on seized docu-

toll could be far higher.

"The authorities are not solving the problem and soldiers are not defending us," said Kyaw Myint, a Muslim who took refuge at Thechaung camp outside the Rakhine state capital, Sittwe. He fled his home in nearby Pauktaw when it was torched Wednesday.

"I feel as though I am in hell," he said. "We have no one to take care of us, no place to go, and now no job to earn a living."

A 37-year-old Rakhine trader named Maung Than Naing, reached by phone in the village of Kyauktaw, also expressed anger over the government's handling of the violence.

"We are helpless because the government is not dealing with the root of the problem," he Thant said.

said. "We no longer want to live with the Muslims."

Maung Than Naing, who also lost his home in an arson attack, blamed the Rohingya for breaking the calm.

"These poor Muslim people who live hand to mouth burned their own homes so that they enjoy the U.N. aid where they are given shelter and free food," he said.

A tense calm has held across the region since Saturday, Rakhine state spokesman Myo Thant said. More police and soldiers have been deployed to increase security, but he declined to give details.

The priority now is to ensure those who lost homes have adequate shelter and food, Myo Thant said.

World

Syrian regime launches nationwide airstrikes



AP

This image taken from video obtained from the Ugarit news network, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows smoke rising from the city following heavy bombing from military warplanes, in Deir el-Zour's Jbeileh neighborhood, 450 km northeast of Damascus Syria, on Monday Oct. 29, 2012.

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian fighter jets pounded rebel areas across the country on Monday with scores of airstrikes that anti-regime activists called the most widespread bombing in a single day since Syria's troubles started 19 months ago.

The death toll for what was supposed to be a four-day cease-fire between the regime of President Bashar Assad and rebels seeking his overthrow exceeded 500, and activists guessed the government's heavy reliance on air power reflected its inability to roll back rebel gains.

"The army is no longer able to make any progress on the ground so it is resorting to this style," said activist Hisham Nijim via Skype from the northern town of Khan Sheikhoun.

Activists said more than 80 people were killed nationwide Monday while videos posted online showed fighter jets screaming over Syrian towns, mushroom clouds rising from neighborhoods and residents searching the remains of damaged and collapsed buildings for bodies. One video from Maaret al-Numan in the north showed residents trying to save a boy who was buried up to his shoulders.

Others in rubble. Another showed the dead bodies of a young boy and girl laid out on a tile floor.

The airstrikes focused on rebel areas in the northern provinces of Aleppo and Idlib, as well as on restive areas in and around the capital Damascus. The regime has been bombing rebel areas in the north for months, but had sparingly used its air force near the capital, presumably to avoid isolating its supporters there.

But analysts say that rampant defections and rising rebel capabilities have lessened the regime's ability to take back and hold rebel areas, making air strikes its most effective way to fight back.

Monday was supposed to be the fourth and final day of an internationally sanctioned cease-fire, to coincide with the

Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, one of the holiest periods of the Muslim calendar. But violence marred the truce almost immediately after it was to go into effect on Friday and continued apace through the weekend.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Monday he was "deeply disappointed" that the warring parties didn't respect the cease-fire and called on the divided international community to unite to stop the bloodshed.

"As long as the international community remains at odds, the needs, attacks and suffering will only grow," he told reporters in South Korea.

Envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who represents the U.N. and the Arab League and presented the plan, told reporters in Moscow that he'd keep trying to lessen the violence and "put an end to it."

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Position Requirements:

- High School graduate, GED or equivalent
- 2 years tour operation, sales or service related experience.
- Must be able to speak Chinese.
- Must have excellent communication, organizational, and sales skills.
- Ability to speak, read, write, and understand Mandarin preferred.
- Must have valid driver's license with clean driving record.
- Must be willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Applications may be obtained from the Front Office of Century Tours, located at the Kanoa Resort, Saipan, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan. Deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, November 1, 2012.

Procurement And Supply CNMI Government



INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB13-DPW/ED-016

Submission Date: November 28, 2012 • Time: 10:00 a.m.

Provision of Four (4) Diesel Commercial Wood Chippers for the Department of Public Works, Energy Division

The complete scope of work for this project will be available on or after October 24, 2012 and may be picked up at the Office of the Division of Energy (ECCBG) located at the Springs Development Plaza or requested via email to fourwoodchippers@recovery.gov.mp during regular working hours.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on November 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., local time at the Department of Public Works Main Office Conference Room, 2nd Floor, located in Middle Road, Saipan.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m., local time, on November 16, 2012 to fourwoodchippers@recovery.gov.mp or via facsimile to (670) 664-4488.

This is a federally funded project; as such, local preference is not available, because its use is prohibited by federal law granting funding for this project.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

/s/ Anthony A. Camacho
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

/s/ Thelma B. Inos
Director, Energy Division

Proposed Antarctic marine reserve gets big boost

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—An international push to create a giant marine sanctuary in Antarctica has gotten a big boost after the United

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

ACCOUNTANT

BA in Accounting and a minimum of 3 years experience is required, including preparation of financial statements, processing accounts receivables & payables and other general accounting procedures. Must possess work-related skills, have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory control and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and ACCPAC/Sage or similar accounting systems.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE - HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing or a minimum of 3 years work related experience required. Preferably with F&B/restaurant operations and menu preparation experience. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Nihonngou or Korean language will be advantage. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. A valid driver's license is required along with a clean driving record. Availability to work on evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants must submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by November 15, 2012. Applications may also be sent to: info@dqsapian.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

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Focus

Sandy unlikely to damage US economy, analysts say

WASHINGTON (AP)—Airlines have canceled thousands of flights, stranding travelers around the globe. Insurers are bracing for possible damages of \$5 billion. Retailers face shrunken sales.

Hurricane Sandy took dead aim at New Jersey and Delaware on Monday, with sheets of rain and wind gusts of more than 90 mph knocking out electricity and causing major disruptions for companies, travelers and consumers. But for the overall economy, damage from the storm will likely be limited. And any economic growth lost to the storm in the short run will likely be restored once reconstruction begins, analysts say. Americans may even spend more before the storm when they stock up on extra food, water and batteries.

Preliminary estimates are that damage will range between \$10 billion and \$20 billion. That could top last year's Hurricane Irene, which cost \$15.8 billion. If so, Hurricane Sandy would be among the 10 most costly hurricanes in U.S. history. But it would still be far below the worst—Hurricane Katrina, which cost \$108 billion and caused 1,200 deaths in 2005.

"Assuming the storm simply disrupts things for a few days and it doesn't do significant damage to infrastructure, then I don't think it will have a significant national impact," Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said Monday.

The economic impact could be more severe if the storm damages a port or a major manufacturing facility such as an oil refinery, Zandi noted.

The economy expanded at an annual rate of 2 percent in the July-September quarter. Zandi said he isn't changing his forecast for similar growth in the current October-December quarter of 1.9 percent. Economic activity in October and November might slow if factory output declines and some workers are laid off temporarily and seek unemployment benefits. But the economy could strengthen in December as companies rebound.

Here's how the storm has begun to affect key areas of the economy:

AIR TRAVEL

Flights in the Northeast are all but stopped for at least two days. Airlines have canceled nearly 12,500 flights for Monday and Tuesday from Washington to Boston. The disruptions spread across the nation and overseas, stranding passengers from Hong Kong to Europe.

Total airline cancellations have already surpassed those from Hurricane Irene last year and are on par with the 14,000 that were scrapped due to the



People wade and paddle down a flooded street as Hurricane Sandy approaches, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, in Lindenhurst, N.Y. AP

snowstorm that pounded the East Coast early last year. The Airports Council International, a trade group, said that even if the storm damage turns out to be minor, it could be a week before operations are back to normal at major East Coast airports.

Eric Danielson was trying to fly Monday from San Francisco to Norfolk, Va., to start a new job.

"It was supposed to be only a two-hour layover here in Atlanta, Ga., and now it's beginning to be a 28-hour layover until tomorrow," Danielson said.

Wall Street analysts expect carriers like JetBlue, United and Delta to suffer a short-term hit to earnings as they spend money to shuffle crews and planes away from and then back to the East Coast.

RETAILERS

The nation's big stores are expected to lose billions, and the losses could extend into the crucial holiday shopping season. Sales at department stores, clothing chains, jewelers and other sellers of non-essential goods are expected to suffer the most.

The industry is entering the holiday season, when many retailers collect up to 40 percent of annual revenue. Retailers, excluding restaurants, could lose at least \$25 billion in sales this week, estimates Burt Flickinger III of retail consultancy Strategic Resource Group.

Even home improvement chains and grocers that will benefit from shoppers stocking up on emergency supplies before the hurricane and cleaning and repair items afterward could lose sales in the long run if overstretched consumers feel they must scale back.

"If you're spending \$400 on a generator, that could hurt discretionary purchases," said Brian Sozzi, chief equities analyst at NBG Productions.

Flickinger now estimates that holiday sales in November and December will rise 2.1 percent over last year instead of the 3.2 percent he had originally predicted.

A better idea of Hurricane Sandy's effect will come Thursday, when some major retailers like Target Corp. and Macy's will report sales figures for October.

The storm is affecting small retailers as well as large ones. For many small businesses, opening depended on whether employees lived close by or could work remotely. Businesses vulnerable to wind and water damage and power outages were forced to close. The storm also ruined business trips, meetings and presentations.

At Angelo's Civita Farnese, a restaurant in Providence, R.I., the lunchtime crowd didn't surface as usual on Monday. By 12:30 p.m., barely 10 customers were inside, and owner Bob Antignano had no hope of seeing the 200 to 250 he usually serves for lunch.

"It's a wasted day and it looks like tomorrow probably will be as well," Antignano said.

The loss of two days' revenue will wipe out his profit for the month. He will face losses if the restaurant lost power. He would have to close, and the food in his walk-in refrigerator and freezers could spoil.

INSURANCE

The cost to insurers is expected to rival the insured damage from Hurricane Irene last year. Dam-

age from Irene cost insurers roughly \$5 billion, according to Sterne, Agee & Leach Research. Because the storm is hitting a highly populous region, with "one of the highest concentrations of wealth in the world," the damages are likely to run into the billions, say analysts at Morgan Stanley.

CoreLogic, a private data provider, estimates that there are 284,000 homes worth about \$88 billion in the hurricane's path.

U.S. insurers have more than \$500 billion in capital, according to Morgan Stanley. That gives them enough of a cushion to withstand losses from most scenarios. Chubb, Allstate and Travelers are the insurers most likely to suffer losses, because they claim a large share of the market in areas where the storm looks likely to hit. If losses top \$10 billion, global reinsurance companies would also take a hit.

WALL STREET

All major U.S. stock exchanges were shuttered Monday as areas around New York's Financial District came under a mandatory evacuation order. The shutdown was extended through Tuesday, marking the first time since 1888 that the exchange will have been closed for two consecutive days because of weather.

Originally, the NYSE had planned to close just its exchange floor and allow traders to buy and sell stock electronically. Then it decided to shut down electronic trading, too. The NYSE said it was worried about putting staff who were needed to help run the electronic trading in danger.

NYSE Chief Operating Officer Larry Leibowitz said he also was worried about low trading

volumes due to many investors taking the day off. The fear is that just a few trades could whip stock around like the storm outside, sending prices surging one minute or plunging the next. As automatic trading by computers has come to dominate stock trading, it was a fear voiced by other Wall Street experts.

Some companies, including Pfizer Inc. and Thomson Reuters, postponed quarterly earnings reports scheduled for release early this week.

CME Group's New York trading floor was closed, but its electronic markets for commodities were functioning. CME said electronic trading for commodities would also be open Tuesday. Bond trading again will be closed.

AUTOS

The effect on auto sales may be minimal, some analysts say. Many people who planned to buy cars in the last few days of the month, when deals tend to peak, bought cars over the weekend instead, said Jesse Toprak, an analyst with car buying site TrueCar.com.

As a result, TrueCar isn't changing its forecast for October U.S. auto sales. Toprak predicts that more than 1.1 million vehicles will be sold in October, up 11.5 percent from the same month last year.

Forecasting firm LMC Automotive predicts that 1 percent to 3 percent of new-car sales, around 20,000 vehicles, will be lost because of the storm. But LMC analyst Jeff Schuster predicts that those sales will simply shift to November. So the storm might have little or no overall effect on sales.

Toprak also notes that dealers could gain sales once the storm is over if people need to replace damaged vehicles.

POWER

Energy outages and disruptions in major East Coast cities "may take a toll on (power) demand unlike anything we have seen before," Phil Flynn, a senior market analyst for Price Futures Group, wrote in a report.

Owners of the six biggest refineries in the Northeast shut down two and cut production at most of the others. That includes a full shutdown of the Phillips 66 refinery in Linden, N.J., the second-biggest in the Northeast at 285,000 barrels per day. The biggest refinery in the area, Philadelphia Energy Solutions, was nearly shut. Oil prices fell as it appeared the massive storm will reduce demand by keeping drivers off the road and shutting businesses.

Once the storm passes, gas station managers have to work to make sure they have enough gasoline to sell. Those that operate under a major brand such as Mobil, Shell or BP and have supply agreements may be able to get only a portion of their allotment. They have to compete with non-branded gas station operators for the rest—and pay whatever the going rate is.

"The challenge isn't when everyone is hunkered down and there are no cars on the road," says Jeff Lenard of the National Association of Convenience Stores. "The problem is how fast can you be replenished. You don't want to be the guy with the bagged pumps."

TELECOMS

When disaster strikes, phone and Internet service often takes a hit, right when it's needed the most. Phone companies on the eastern seaboard were topping up fuel for backup generators and lining up disaster recovery trailers to move into flooded areas after the storm passes.

Verizon, the largest landline phone company on the East Coast, said the storm had not yet had any major effect, and its network was performing normally. Verizon said all its cell tower sites have at least eight hours of backup power.

At AT&T, employees were adding portable generators to cell towers and checking on fuel levels.

Even if cellphones work, wireless networks may be overloaded by people calling to check in on each other or surfing the Web. That's why cellphone companies recommend text messaging rather than calling in any disaster, because text messages use much less network capacity.

Campus Life

Golden Harvest opens school year with positive start

School year 2012-2013 showed a positive promise for the students of Golden Harvest International School when the students bagged first places in K-2, 3-5 PGFC Division and the neophyte NJFL Division. It was a remarkable showmanship of talents and teamwork of students.

The Primary Grade Forensic Competition was held at Grace Christian Academy last Oct. 6, 2012 while the National Junior Forensic League was held at Cha-Cha Ocean View Junior High School on Oct. 13, 2012. The competition was composed of various categories in Forensics and was participated by both private and public schools in the CNMI.

To our parents, thank you for being active partners and to the teachers/coaches for your untiring support. Congratulations to all the winners and keep up the good work!

PGFC WINNERS

K-2 Division

■ 1st Place- C- SPEAK:



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Students and teachers of Golden Harvest International School have their picture taken after participating in the Primary Grade Forensic Competition and National Junior Forensic League.

Christine Joyce Caluya, Kyle Caraig, Tyana Christine Hix, and Erin Mae Tam

■ 2nd Place- HI-A: Christine Joyce Caluya
■ 2nd Place- RF-A: Daniel

Josh Gonzales
■ 5th Place- HI: Ivan Yuri Ferrera

3-5 Division
■ 1st Place- C- SPEAK: Marianne Elesse DLC

Green Meadow School wins big at Forensic

Green Meadow School fielded four of its sixth graders to compete in the National Junior Forensic League held on Oct. 13, 2012, at Chacha Ocean View Junior High School in Kagman. Each of the four contestants participated in at least three events, all with outstanding results. Indeed, big wins by a tiny group!

The school's management, parents, teachers, friends, and sup-

porters congratulate Pionnah Rosej Gregorio, Joseph Francis Yanto, Kris Angelo Talens, and En Ming Cacdac for another outstanding performance! Thanks to GMS teachers, staff and parents who assisted and supported the contestants.

- Pionnah Rosej Gregorio, first place, Dramatic Interpretation B
- Joseph Francis Yanto, first place, Poetry A
- Joseph Francis Yanto, second

place, Poetry A

■ Pionnah Rosej Gregorio, fourth place, Poetry B
■ Kris Angelo Talens, fifth

place, Prose A

■ Kris Angelo Talens and En Ming Cacdac, fifth place, Duo Interpretation A

Coaches: Flordeliza Flores, Leonor Marfil, Imelda Bautista, Aida Viloria, Nestor Tam, and Marilyn Divino



READ ALOUD

Frances Sablan, as Bebi the Witch, and her assistant, granddaughter Tiana, Read a story about a witch during Saturday's Read Aloud activity at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. A total of 22 children ages 2 - 9 attended the event with their parents.



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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†George Fortunato Litulumar Teregeyo

Lovingly known as "Tan-G"

Born, April 23, 1948 was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

"It is in the love of the Lord and of my family that I now find everlasting peace..."

Predeceased by:

Mother: †Elena Litulumar Teregeyo
Father: †Pedro Peter Teregeyo
Brothers: †Juan L. Teregeyo; †Ramaldo L. Teregeyo; †Antonio L. Teregeyo

His memory will live forever in the hearts of his:

Wife: Vicenta Cabrera Teregeyo
Children: Melvin/Lynie Cabrera (Cherise, Christina, Christopher, Sybil Rite, Cherina, Melvin Jr.); Steven/Teng Teregeyo (Juliette, Lorena (Navea), Vicklynn Ramonica (Lyam), Remo, Mark); Charlene Teregeyo/Frank Camacho (Joshua, Brennica, Ethan Joseph); George Teregeyo Jr./Francisca Cepeda (Wesley); Raymond/Marianne Teregeyo (Raymond Jr. and Mariana Vicenta)
Brother: Sotero Cazu L. Teregeyo/Pres Castro; Jerry L. Teregeyo
Sister: Amparo T. Romolor/†Marcelo; Francisca L. Teregeyo

Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00 a.m. at San Jose Church.
Nightly rosary is being said at 7:00 p.m. at San Jose Church.

On Monday, November 05, 2012 his remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 a.m. to San Jose Church followed by Responso, Holy Rosary, viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Vicenta C. Teregeyo, Children and Family



Life & Style

Hurricane claims famous tall ship off NC coast



In this July 7, 2010 file photo, the tall ship HMS Bounty sails on Lake Erie off Cleveland.

AP

ELIZABETH CITY, North Carolina (AP)—The final hours of the HMS *Bounty* were as dramatic as the Hollywood adventure films she starred in, with the crew abandoning ship in life rafts as their stately craft slowly went down in the immense waves churned up by Hurricane Sandy off the North Carolina coast.

By the time the first rescue helicopter arrived, all that was visible of the replica 18th-century sailing vessel was a strobe light atop the mighty ship's submerged masts. The roiling Atlantic Ocean had claimed the rest.

The Coast Guard rescued 14

crew members by helicopter Monday. Hours later, rescuers found one of the missing crew members, but she was unresponsive. And they were still searching for the captain.

"We pray there's no loss of life and that they rescue all of the crew," said Bill Foster, mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida, a frequent winter port for the ship and where it had been expected to arrive in November. "When a crew decides it's safer in an inflatable than it is on deck, then you know she's in peril."

The ship was originally built for the 1962 film "Mutiny on the Bounty" starring Marlon

Brando, and it was featured in several other films over the years, including one of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies.

The vessel left Connecticut on Thursday with a crew of 11 men and five women, ranging in age from 20 to 66. Everyone aboard knew the journey could be treacherous.

"This will be a tough voyage for Bounty," read a posting on the ship's Facebook page that showed a map of its coordinates and satellite images of the storm.

The Bounty's Facebook page reads like a ship's log of her activities, with many photos of the

majestic vessel plying deep blue waters and the crew working in the rigging or keeping watch on the wood-planked deck.

As Sandy's massive size became more apparent, a post on Saturday tried to soothe any worried supporters: "Rest assured that the *Bounty* is safe and in very capable hands. *Bounty*'s current voyage is a calculated decision ... NOT AT ALL ... irresponsible or with a lack of foresight as some have suggested. The fact of the matter is ... A SHIP IS SAFER AT SEA THAN IN PORT!"

But as the storm gathered strength, the Facebook posts grew grimmer. By mid-morning Monday, the last update was short and ominous: "Please bear with us ... There are so many conflicting stories going on now. We are waiting for some

Superstorm causes major entertainment disruption

By SANDY COHEN
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

David Letterman didn't get many laughs for his monologue Monday: The "Late Show" host told his jokes to a mostly empty Ed Sullivan Theater.

Jimmy Fallon taped "Late Night" without an audience, too, as Hurricane Sandy disrupted a wide swath of the New York area's bustling entertainment industry.

City officials said that all film permits for Monday and Tuesday were revoked because of the hurricane and associated safety precautions.

"There will be no city authorized outdoor filming within the five boroughs," read a statement Monday from the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting.

Production on at least nine TV shows was affected, including "Gossip Girl," "Per-

son of Interest" and "Elementary," according to the Los Angeles Times. "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" also took Monday night off, and each of Broadway's 40 theaters will be dark through Tuesday.

The storm forced Focus Features to cancel the New York premiere of "Anna Karenina," which was set for Tuesday. A studio spokeswoman said they will reschedule.

Concerts planned for New York and New Jersey were canceled or postponed, including performances by Journey, comedian Louis C.K., and the "Freedom to Love Now" show featuring Rufus Wainwright and fun., which is now set for spring of 2013.

Radio City Music Hall was shuttered until Wednesday. Carnegie Hall postponed concerts planned for Tuesday. Off-Broadway shows and even na-

tional tours of Broadway shows like "Anything Goes," currently in Wilmington, Delaware, closed their doors.

It was the most detrimental storm for the theater community since the threat of Hurricane Irene in late August 2011 prompted producers to cancel matinee and evening performances on both a Saturday and Sunday.

East Coast charity galas were also canceled, and fashion designer Prabal Gurung postponed the unveiling of his anticipated collection for Target until next week.

Some network schedules were shaken up by the widespread power outages cutting into the available TV audience in the East.

NBC did not immediately respond concerning the status of its Monday schedule, which included "The Voice" and "Revolution."

JACKSON, Mississippi (AP)—William Faulkner wrote that the past is never dead. His heirs say their copyright to that phrase is very much alive.

The author's literary estate is suing Sony Pictures Classics for using a paraphrase of the line in Woody Allen's 2011 film, "Midnight in Paris." It's also suing Northrop Grumman Corp. and The Washington Post Co. for using another Faulkner quote in a newspaper ad by the defense contractor.

The first lawsuit, filed Thursday in federal court in Oxford, Mississippi, says Sony infringed on the copyright when actor Owen Wilson slightly misquoted the line from Faulkner's "Requiem for a Nun." He said,

confirmation."

Tracie Simonin, director of the HMS *Bounty* Organization, said the ship tried to stay clear of Sandy's power.

"It was something that we and the captain of the ship were aware of," Simonin said.

Coast Guard video of the

rescue showed crew members being loaded one by one into a basket before the basket was hoisted into the helicopter.

When they returned to the mainland, some were wrapped in blankets, still wearing the blazing red survival suits they put on to stay warm in the chilly waters.

Publisher: New Khaled Hosseini novel out May 21

NEW YORK (AP)—Khaled Hosseini's next novel will be a journey across time and space.

The author of the million-sellers "The Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns" has finished his third book, "And the Mountains Echoed." Riverhead Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) and publisher of his first two novels, announced Monday that "And the Mountains Echoed" comes out May 21.

"I am forever drawn to family as a recurring central theme of my writing," Hosseini, the Afghan-born author and physician, said in a statement. "My earlier novels were at heart tales of fatherhood and motherhood. My new novel is a multi-generational family story as well, this time revolving around brothers and sisters, and the ways in which they love, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for each other. I am thrilled at the chance to share this book with my readers."

Penguin President Susan Petersen Kennedy is one of the few people to have read the novel. She said during an interview Monday that "And the Mountains Echoed" would take place "in different parts

of the world" and, as with his previous books, offers "such a clear experience and characters you can identify with even if their lives are very different from your own."

"He really opens you up to what it means to be human," she said.

Hosseini, 47, is one of the world's most popular authors, with his first two books selling more than 38 million copies. "The Kite Runner," his debut, came out in 2003 and became a word of mouth sensation and book club favorite in paperback, spending two years on The New York Times' best-seller list. He suffered no second novel jinx; "A Thousand Splendid Suns," a 2007 release, received strong reviews and topped the Times' hard-cover list.

Both stories were set at least in part in Hosseini's native country.

Financial terms for his new book were not disclosed. Hosseini was represented by Robert Barnett and Deneen Howell of the Washington, D.C.-based Williams & Connolly, where clients range from President Barack Obama to Barbra Streisand.



Hosseini

Faulkner estate sues over quotes in movie, ad

"The past is not dead! Actually, it's not even past."

The second lawsuit, filed Friday in Jackson, Mississippi, makes similar claims about the ad, which used a passage from a 1956 essay Faulkner wrote in Harper's Magazine.

The quote, which says in part "We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it," was the conclusion to an essay criticizing the South's response to school integration.

Sony says the quote is "fair use," a legal term meaning the user doesn't have to license or pay for it.

"This is a frivolous lawsuit and we are confident we will prevail in defending it," a Sony

Pictures spokeswoman said in a written statement.

Northrop Grumman declined comment. The Washington Post did not return a phone call Monday.

David Olson, a Boston College law professor who specializes in patent law and copyright, said he agrees that the estate is over-reaching legally.

Lee Caplin, who represents the estate, disagrees. He said these are the first lawsuits it has ever filed. Caplin said that the estate recently licensed a quote to the sitcom "Modern Family." He contrasted that to Allen's use of the quote in the movie.

"He just wanted to kind of take it and he felt entitled," Caplin said of Allen.

Obama's iPod a bit like his electorate—varied

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's iPod could pass for a voter outreach tool.

Interviewed Monday on Cincinnati radio station WIZF, Obama ran through his musical tastes, an eclectic and all-encompassing list of artists and tracks that reflect the varied coalition of voters he is seeking to attract.

'Skyfall' opens with sky-high box office record

LONDON (AP)—James Bond rules the box office—though he has failed to dethrone Harry Potter.

Producers say the new Bond adventure, "Skyfall," has had the second-biggest opening weekend in British movie history, taking 20.1 million pounds (\$32 million) at the U.K. box office.

That is the biggest opening weekend for any of the 23 Bond films, and ranks just behind last year's final Potter movie, "Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows—Part 2," which took 23 million pounds in its first weekend in Britain.

"Skyfall" opened this weekend in 25 global markets, taking in a total of \$77.7 million between Friday and Sunday.

The film, which stars Daniel Craig as agent 007 and Javier Bardem as a villain bent on revenge, opens in the United States on Nov. 9.

Asked what was on the "presidential iPod," Obama replied that he had "a pretty good mix."

"I've got old school—Stevie Wonder, James Brown. I've got Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan," he said.

There are also plenty of tracks that young voters might have downloaded to their own

collections.

"And then I've got everything from Jay-Z, to Eminem, to the Fugees, to you name it. There's probably not a group that you play that I don't have on my iPod," Obama told the station's E.J. Greig.

For the voters whose tastes are more esoteric, "I've got some

jazz—John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Gil Scott-Heron," the president said, adding, "You've got to mix it up. It just depends on what mood I'm in."

No mention of The Boss, Bruce Springsteen, who has been campaigning for Obama.

Or country music. That vote tends to tilt to the other guy.



Wax models of James Bond movie characters Daniel Craig, right, and Judi Dench appear in a new James Bond 007 type setting at Madame Tussauds wax works in London, Monday Oct. 29, 2012.

AP

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'Anderson Live' to end after 2 seasons

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anderson Cooper's daytime talk show will be wrapping after two seasons. Warner Bros. said Monday that the marketplace made it increasingly difficult for "Anderson Live" to "break through" to viewers despite format changes. The show switched to live broadcasts in its second year but struggled to match the ratings performance of daytime frontrunners including "Ellen" and "Live! With Kelly and Michael." Newcomers, including Katie Couric, also made the talk show arena more competitive. In a statement, Cooper said he was grateful to Warner's Telepictures syndication arm for the opportunity and proud of his staff's work. Cooper, who remains host of CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360," will continue with "Anderson Live" through summer 2013, Warner said.

Taylor Swift to co-host Grammy nominations TV show

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Taylor Swift will co-host the Grammy nominations television special. Grammy officials say the pop star will join LL Cool J as hosts of the Dec. 5 special, airing live on CBS from Nashville, Tennessee. Grammy officials also announced Monday that rising country star Luke Bryan has been added to the show as a performer, joining Maroon 5 as the only acts announced so far. Swift has won six Grammys. She released her latest album, "Red," last week. The 55th annual Grammy Awards will be Feb. 10 in Los Angeles.

Daniel Day-Lewis gives poet dad's work to Oxford

LONDON (AP)—Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is donating papers belonging to his father, the poet Cecil Day-Lewis, to Oxford University. The archive, which fills 54 boxes, includes early drafts of the poet's work, as well as letters from actor John Gielgud and famous literary figures such as W.H. Auden, Robert Graves and Philip Larkin. Daniel Day-Lewis stars this year in the much-anticipated film "Lincoln," about the assassinated U.S. president. He and his sister, Tamzin, said Tuesday they are thrilled that their father's papers will be housed at Oxford's Bodleian Libraries and become accessible to students and researchers. Cecil Day-Lewis, who studied classics and became poetry professor at Oxford, was appointed the U.K. poet laureate in 1968. He also wrote mystery novels and stories under the name of Nicholas Blake. He died in 1972.

Prowler at Cruise's home turns out to be neighbor

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Authorities say a security guard at Tom Cruise's California mansion used a stun gun on a trespasser who turned out to be an intoxicated neighbor who may have mistakenly entered the property. Police say 41-year-old Jason Sullivan was shot with a Taser late Sunday at the home. He was treated at a hospital and arrested on suspicion of trespassing. Police say neither Cruise nor his family were at the home when a guard saw a man climbing a fence to get onto the grounds. A guard shocked the man and held him for police. It isn't immediately known if Sullivan has an attorney.

Police seeking help in traffic death of R&B artist



AP
This April 29, 2000 file photo originally released by the Disney Channel shows R&B singer Natina Reed of the band Blaque during a concert at the Roxy in Atlanta.

ATLANTA (AP)—Authorities are trying to figure out why R&B artist Natina Reed was in a street when she was struck by a car and killed, two days shy of her 33rd birthday.

Police say they'd to talk to anyone with information that could help them determine what happened to Reed late Friday.

The 32-year-old Reed was the rapping member of the 1990s female singing group Blaque, which had hits "808" and "Bring It All to Me." She was also an actress, appearing in the 2000 hit movie "Bring It On," which also featured Kirsten Dunst and Gabrielle Union.

Police say Reed was struck and killed while in the roadway at an intersection. Police say the driver wasn't at fault and no charges are being filed. They say the only witnesses were the driver and a passenger.

Investigators want to determine why Reed was in the road.

She is survived by a son, Tren, from a relationship with fellow rapper Kurupt. In a statement on Twitter, Kurupt said: "This is a tremendous loss to our family."

Woman's eyes are open wide by cellphone photos at work

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

GOT AN EYEFUL IN ILLINOIS

DEAR GOT AN EYEFUL: That must have been some conversation! It's amazing either of you get any work done with so many pheromones floating in the air. From my perspective, what your co-worker did was "premature" considering you have no social relationship (yet). It could also be considered a form of flashing.

However, while I consider what he did to be overexposure and not a particularly impressive courtship technique, displaying pictures of his anatomy on his cellphone is not unheard of among men who think like adolescents.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a waitress at a 24-hour restaurant in a small town. Most of my customers are regulars, and for the most part we talk about current events and what is going on in each other's lives. Last night, two of my regulars came in and one tried to grab my hand after the other put his hand up the sleeve of my shirt. Both repeatedly asked me incredibly personal questions about my love life and finances, and I'll admit, I froze and then I walked away.

In any other kind of work environment what happened would be considered sexual harassment, but I'm not sure what to do about it, since they're customers and I'm the employee. At what point is the customer really wrong?

MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?

DEAR MAY: The point at which the customer is really wrong is when he (or she) repeatedly asks personal questions about a server's love life and puts his (or her) hands on the server. The way to handle it is to report what happened to your supervisor or employer, and make certain that in the future you are not the person taking their order. What happened was inappropriate anywhere—and that includes in your restaurant.

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DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son left for college over a month ago. While cleaning his room, I found all sorts of marijuana paraphernalia. I'm at a loss about how to handle this. I want to confront him because he knew the rules of the house (no drugs) and lied to me and broke them.

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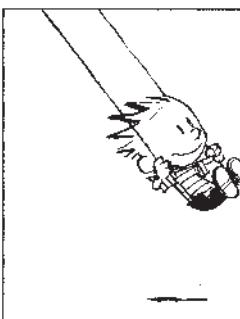
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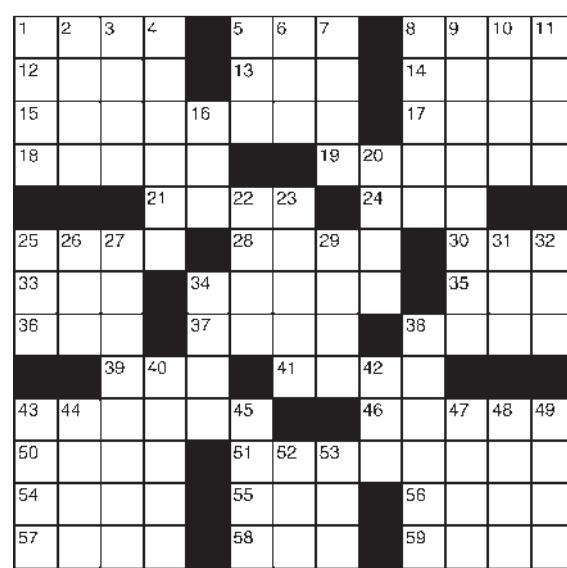
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aggressively seek information or travel to places that inspire you or will help you use what you have learned to move forward in the future. A change in your relationship with someone special will bring you closer together. ☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Getting along with others will determine your future. You must share and compromise when necessary if you want to be taken seriously. Someone from your past will give you a chance to reclaim lost territory. ☀️☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotions will be close to the surface, causing you to make choices that may not be the best for you professionally. Wager the pros and cons and try to satisfy both your personal and business needs without making a fuss. ☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for answers in unusual places. If you revisit old ideas and incorporate what you've got with trends, you will show others your diversity when it comes to finding solutions. Don't let love stand in

the way of your professional progress. ☀️☀️

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take time out to do things you enjoy. The experience you gain from interacting with people from different backgrounds or by trying something you've never done before will inspire you to make changes that will improve your life. ☀️☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Study what's going on around you and base your decisions on factual information. Don't let anger get the better of you when dealing with incompetence or family matters that could result in unwanted change. Focus on positive, productive and compromising changes. ☀️☀️☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop procrastinating and start doing. Approach authority figures with sophistication, facts and experience to get whatever documentation you need to further your interests. Now is the time to travel, share your ideas and launch something new. Romance is highlighted. ☀️☀️

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone from your past will challenge you. Embrace whatever you face with confidence and you will surpass whatever competition awaits you. Opportunity knocks—don't hesitate to go after what you want. Love and romance are in the stars. ☀️☀️

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Discipline is required if you want to get ahead. Don't be distracted by what others do or say. You must stay focused and maintain consistency if you want to come out on top. An emotional situation must not be allowed to curb your progress. ☀️☀️☀️

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID
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Giants find similar winning formula to tame Tigers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Giants' championship formula is a familiar one, just with new faces all over the diamond two years later: stellar starting pitching backed by a shut-down bullpen, a late-season surge and a manager making all the right moves.

San Francisco captured its second World Series title in three seasons with a stunning sweep of the Tigers, and only catcher Buster Posey was in the lineup for the Game 5 clincher in 2010 at Texas and also the finale at Comerica Park in 2012.

"We're just happy right now," Posey said. "It's an unbelievable feeling."

Two of the four games against Detroit were started and won by a pair of pitchers not even on the World Series roster in 2010, and in Ryan Vogelsong's case he wasn't even in the majors back then.

The only regular still around from that team is Posey, and the catcher had to rebound from devastating ankle and leg injuries sustained in a home-plate collision in late May 2011 to put together an MVP-caliber season and become the NL batting champ. He played far more than anybody envisioned his body would allow.

This time, a couple of bench warmers from that last October run shined for San Francisco—MVP Pablo Sandoval and Game 1 winner Barry Zito. The lefty Zito was left off the post-season roster for all three rounds in 2010.

"Just as a player, certainly you want to play on a team that wins the World Series. And to go out there and contribute, there's nothing like that," Zito said. "We were very adamant that we have to step on their throats. We saw what they did to New York."

Marco Scutaro and Hunter Pence were this year's midseason additions, with Scutaro following up Cody Ross in 2010 to earn NL championship series MVP honors. While Scutaro produced the timely hits, including a go-ahead single with two outs in the 10th inning of Sunday's 4-3 win, Pence did plenty and became the motivational speaker of this group. He reminded his teammates to keep the focus even when they jumped out to a surprising 3-0 Series lead against the Tigers.

These Giants showed they could rally back—again and again—and also thrive when playing out in front.

They fell behind 2-0 to the Cincinnati Reds in the division series, then became the first team in major league history to rally back in a five-game series by winning three straight road games. They did it again against the defending champion St. Louis Cardinals, erasing a 3-1 deficit thanks largely to Zito's Game 5 victory at Busch Stadium that sent the Giants back

to re-sign Scutaro and center fielder Angel Pagan. It's unclear whether the Giants will consider giving Melky Cabrera a second chance after the All-Star game MVP was suspended Aug. 15 for a positive testosterone test and then not added to the NLCS roster once he was eligible to return.

Sandoval, the Kung Fu Panda, earned Series MVP honors after sparking his club with that three-homer outing in a Game 1 win against Justin Verlander and Co. He batted .369 this postseason with five doubles, six homers and 13 RBIs. That's after he was benched for four of the five games in 2010, when he hit .176 with two RBIs.

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In three mighty swings last Wednesday night, he showed how far he has come since then. Even after a pair of stints on the disabled list this season, one for a broken hamate bone in his hand that required surgery.

"You know, I still can't believe that game. It's the game of your dreams. You don't want to wake up," the 26-year-old Sandoval said.

The Giants again will ask Sandoval to shape up this off-season—and he is on board. Sandoval wants to be at his best not only for San Francisco but also to play for Venezuela in next spring's third World Baseball Classic.

Zito's turnaround is just as noteworthy. The left-hander, who signed a \$126 million, seven-year contract before the 2007 season, went 15-8 for his best season since moving across the bay from the Oakland Athletics, where he won the 2002 AL Cy Young Award.

The Giants won Zito's last 14 starts, and he didn't lose after Aug. 2 against the Mets.

"I think there's a lot of learning that goes on in life away from the ball field," Zito said. "To go through it on the big stage ... the lows are lower, but I've changed the way I think about a lot of things."

Zito will be part of an experienced rotation heading into 2013, led by ace Matt Cain.

Cain's season began with a hefty new contract, then only got better with the first perfect game in franchise history June 13, the start in July's All-Star win that sealed home field for the National League, and then another championship.

"What we just did these last couple months is a pretty full year, and something that I'm going to enjoy definitely sitting down and watching at the end of the year," Cain said.

Scutaro was only around for part of it, but with the remarkable numbers he put up since coming from the Colorado Rockies on July 27 nobody would know any better.

"It's what you work for all season," Scutaro said. "I don't even know what to say right now. We just won the World Series. It's still priceless."



AP
San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval, left, and Sergio Romo walk toward fans as Sandoval carries the World Series trophy outside of AT&T Park in San Francisco, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. The Giants defeated the Detroit Tigers to win baseball's World Series.

to the Bay Area to finish it off in San Francisco.

Six victories in six elimination games.

"The thing that made this team so special is just playing as a team, caring for each other," Pence said. "We had our backs against the wall and we knew it wasn't going to be easy. It's not supposed to be. That was one of our mottos, and we went out there to enjoy every minute of it and it was hard-earned. Just an incredible, incredible group of guys that fought for each other."

Much like that 2010 team of "castoffs and misfits" as they referred to themselves, manager Bruce Bochy had to make some tough calls. He moved struggling starter Tim Lincecum to the bullpen, and he became a dominant reliever. Another spot-on move by Bochy, who became just the 23rd manager to win two or more World Series titles.

Nobody figured the Giants would leave AT&T Park with a 2-0 lead Thursday night for

in one Twitter post late Sunday: "WORLD.....SERIES.....CHAMPS!!!! That's all that needs to be said... This team is special.... We did what no other team could."

Bochy, for one, is tired of hearing people call it luck.

"For us to play like we did against this great club, I couldn't be prouder of these guys," Bochy said. "To be world champions in two out of the last three years, it's amazing. Believe me, I know how difficult it is to get here, and I couldn't be prouder of a group of guys that were not going to be denied."

When the Giants take to Market Street in downtown San Francisco for Wednesday's Halloween championship parade, there will be no costumes needed. Brian Wilson, whose

season ended in April when he needed Tommy John elbow surgery, and the man who finished off the clincher in his place by striking out the side Sunday on 15 pitches—Sergio Romo—are still sporting those dark postseason beards that have made these two such huge hits.

Along with their pitching, of course.

When it comes to pitching, Giants general manager Brian Sabean has never wavered. He has won more often than not by building around a balanced and versatile staff.

And all five starters are under contract heading into 2013.

A couple of big decisions facing Sabean are whether

among viewers 18 to 49.

"The World Series has been a top-10 prime-time hit for over 40 years and even with a four-game sweep this series was no exception," said Michael Mulvihill, Fox Sports Media Group's senior vice president of programming and research.

"This World Series gave us exactly what we expected: a top-10 show among all viewers and a top five show among hard-to-reach younger men. It's important for us to remain focused on the Series relative to today's competitive environment rather than bygone years."

Fox televised the World Series in 1996, 1998 and has had exclusive rights since 2000. It has an eight-year deal with Ma-

jor League Baseball through 2021 that includes Series rights and costs an average of about \$500 million annually.

San Francisco had the highest rating for Game 4 at 38.7/64. Detroit was at 37.9/53.

Major League Baseball said there were 1,202,706 comments on social media for the Series finale, surpassing Game 6 last year for MLB's high. That included 171,024 comments within five minutes after the final out, topping the 97,000 for David Freese's winning home run in the sixth game last year, according to data from Bluefin Labs. The 10,671,781 social media comments for the postseason marked a 131 percent increase from last year.

World Series averages record low television rating

NEW YORK (AP)—The San Francisco Giants' sweep of the Detroit Tigers set a record low for the World Series' television ratings.

The four games on Fox averaged a 7.6 rating and 12 share, Nielsen Media Research said Monday. The previous low was an 8.4 for the 2008 Phillies-Rays and 2010 Giants-Rangers series, which each went five games.

Last year's Cardinals-Rangers World Series went the full seven games and built momentum to average a 10.0/16.

San Francisco's 2-0 win in Game 3 on Saturday night earned a 6.1/11, down from a 6.6/12 for St. Louis' 16-7 win over Texas in the third game

last year and matching the lowest for any World Series game. Philadelphia's 5-4 win in Game 3 in 2008 also had a 6.1 rating on a night a rain delay pushed the start after 10 p.m. on the East Coast and the game didn't end until 1:47 a.m.

The Giants' 4-3, 10-inning victory in the finale Sunday night drew an 8.9/14, up slightly from the 9.2/14 for the Rangers' 4-0 win over the Cardinals in 2011.

Ratings represent the percentage of all homes with TVs tuned into a program. Shares represent the percentage watching among all homes with TVs in use at the time.

Fox said it projects to win Saturday and Sunday nights

Smith almost perfect, 49ers flatten Cardinals

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)—On an almost perfect Monday night for Alex Smith, the San Francisco 49ers flexed their NFC West dominance with a 24-3 flattening of the Arizona Cardinals.

Smith completed 18 of 19 passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns—two to Michael Crabtree and one to Randy Moss—to help San Francisco (6-2) open a two-game lead in the division and send Arizona (4-4) to its fourth straight lost.

Smith's only incompletion was dropped by a wide-open receiver.

Smith was 14 of 15 for 146 yards and two touchdowns, both to Crabtree, as the 49ers built a 17-0 halftime lead.

Moss caught a 47-yard TD pass, dodging tacklers down the sideline on a play that seemed to turn back the clock to the receiver's prime. With the catch, he tied Terrell Owens for fourth on the NFL career touchdown list with 156.

Smith, who tied a career high with the three touchdown passes, spread out his completions to 10 receivers. Crabtree

San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Michael Crabtree (15) pulls in a touchdown pass as Arizona Cardinals cornerback Patrick Peterson (21) defends during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, in Glendale, Ariz.

AP



Let the flop policing begin



NEW YORK (AP)—It's not just the flopping that the NBA is trying to squash.

It's Reggie Evans looking like he was zapped by about 10,000 volts of electricity when Memphis guard Tony Allen's arm hit him while Evans—yes, Evans—was setting a screen.

It's Dwyane Wade trying to trick the referees by flinging his leg out on a jumpshot and falling to the ground when it makes contact with Celtics guard Mikael Pietrus.

It's Danilo Gallinari "flailing" and holding his face in a soccer-style, "gross over-embellishment"—the league's own words—after running into a screen by the Lakers' Pau Gasol.

Those were some of the examples the NBA used in a video sent to players and teams describing what exactly will be subject to fines this season in the first year of a new program aimed at curbing the kind of deceptive, and sometimes downright laughable, acting jobs that made Ray Allen's performance in "He Got Game" appear Oscar-worthy.

And the video didn't even include the hilarious attempted double dupe from Oklahoma

City's James Harden and San Antonio's Manu Ginobili on the same play in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals last season.

Flopsters beware. The league is coming for you, and your money, this season.

The NBA season begins on Tuesday with three games—Washington at Cleveland, Boston at Miami and Dallas at the Los Angeles Lakers—and for the first time, the players will face the possibility of stiff punishment for trying to trick the referees into a foul that wasn't warranted.

Commissioner David Stern issued an edict that he hopes will make flopping go the way of the four-corner offense and the short shorts.

The tactic has been prevalent for years—Pacers sharpshooter Reggie Miller and Kings center Vlade Divac were among the more creative floppers of the previous generation—as players looked for any edge they could get to swing the outcome in their favor. At full speed and with bodies everywhere, determining which players were flopping and which were making good basketball plays in the blink of an eye proved to be incredibly difficult for referees.

The league is trying to give them some help.

Officials will monitor games and review plays that could have included an egregious flop after the game is over. Everyone gets one warning, but after that, the bills start piling up. The second offense will cost a player \$5,000, a third will go to \$10,000. Four flops and it's \$15,000 and a fifth will be a whopping \$30,000.

Kobe still iffy as Lakers approach season opener

ELSEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Kobe Bryant has missed the last week of practice with an injury. His teammates still don't know their new offense. And the Los Angeles Lakers just finished the first winless preseason in franchise history.

Ready or not—and most signs point to not—the Lakers' regular season has arrived.

Bryant sat out Monday while his teammates went through a lengthy workout ahead of Tuesday night's opener against Dallas. It's the first of four games in six days for a star-studded club with championship aspirations, but plenty of work ahead.

"I hope that they give the offensive floppers the same amount of time and dedication that they're going to the defensive floppers," said Heat forward Shane Battier, who has been accused of flopping ever since his days at Duke at the turn of the century. "Because flopping's a problem. Flopping is a silent killer. It really is a silent killer. It'll be interesting to see how they administer that."

Some think it's been a long time coming. Miller pioneered

"I think all of us are ready (for) the popcorn and the lights to come on tomorrow," said Dwight Howard, who played in just two preseason games while returning deliberately from back surgery. "It's not going to come overnight. We all understand that. We just have to stay patient through the whole process. We have to keep working, and we'll be fine."

Bryant might not be fine for a bit longer. The fifth-leading scorer in NBA history is resting his right foot, which was bruised and strained last week, and the Lakers won't decide whether he'll play against the Mavericks until

led the way with five catches for 72 yards.

Arizona's defense, supposed to be the team's strength, missed tackle after tackle in an embarrassing nationally televised performance at home. The 24 points were the most allowed by the Cardinals this season.

Led by Smith's near-perfect precision passing, the 49ers methodically dominated from the start. The San Francisco quarterback had the best completion percentage of his career, and he would have been perfect had Delanie Walker not dropped the ball when he was wide open on a crossing route in the first half.

A 10-play, 77-yard drive that consumed just over 6 minutes of the first quarter put San Francisco up 7-0. On third-and-goal from the 3, Smith threw a sideline pass to Crabtree, who out-fought Patrick Peterson for the ball and the touchdown.

A flurry missed tackles, most notably an open-field whiff by Sam Acho, helped Ted Ginn Jr. return a punt 35 yards to the Arizona 45 in the second quarter. Daryl Washington sacked Smith to help set up a third-and-23 from the Cardinals 46. But Smith found Crabtree over the middle for 22 yards, just a yard shy of the first down. David Akers' 43 yard field goal made it 10-0 with 5:58 left in the half.

Crabtree beat Peterson again for San Francisco's second touchdown. Smith

threw over the middle to the receiver, who caught the ball, then fooled Peterson with an inside move into the end zone to make it 17-0 with 1:41 left in the half. The 49ers drove 68 yards in eight plays, again overcoming a sack, this one by Calais Campbell, that made it second-and-goal from the 16. Smith threw 7 yards to Mario Manningham to set up the TD toss to Crabtree.

The Cardinals were booed off the field by the home crowd at the half.

Things didn't get any better for the home team in the third quarter. On third-and-9, Smith threw 30 yards to Crabtree, who evaded a host of tacklers. Then on third-and-8, Smith tossed a short pass to Moss, who sidestepped a series of would-be defenders all the way to the end zone, putting San Francisco ahead 24-0 with 7:27 left in the third quarter.

The Cardinals averted a shutout with Jay Feely's 28-yard field goal

John Skelton, making his second start since Kevin Kolb went down with rib injuries, completed 32 of 52 passes for 290 yards, often overthrowing receivers. The Cardinals rushed for just 7 yards in nine attempts against the 49ers, who entered the game as the No. 1-ranked defense in the NFL, No. 2 against the run.

Arizona's final possession ended when Larry Fitzgerald was stopped at the 1.

Metta World Peace. "Flopping is very stupid. It's not even basketball. I don't know who taught people to flop. It's ridiculous. Just make the right call. But it's not my league. I think it looks bad on TV, too. When you're in the playoffs and somebody flops, and there's all this money on the line, it's terrible."

While many players, coaches and fans have come out as vocal proponents of the new measures, it's still unclear how the process will work.

in his career, particularly in the past few seasons, so his absence from practice concerns coach Mike Brown. Bryant's leadership and court sense is particularly valuable while the Lakers integrate two new starters and a revamped bench into a new offense, but Kobe hasn't been available for significant stretches of camp.

"If there is one guy that's capable of sitting out and then playing in a game, it's Kobe," Brown said. "There's concern there, because you want him to be healthy, but that's why we're a team. He has bounced back from a lot of stuff. You know it had to be serious if he's been out this long."

Hi-5's press holds down Agape in Rotary caging

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Hi-5 sweated out a 48-39 victory over Agape Torchbearers during their U20 game in the Rotary Club of Saipan's 21st Youth Basketball League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Torchbearers flirted with their first win of the season, but crumbled as Hi-5 turned up the pressure in the final period and bagged its third win in eight games. Agape absorbed its eighth loss.

Both teams started slow as the score was knotted at 11-apiece after the first quarter of play. Agape and Hi-5 then continued

Hi-5's Emerson Feria converts a finger roll against an Agape Torchbearers defender during their U20 game in the Rotary caging last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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opening day last month. Paire's other loss came from Inter Godfather's.

McKagan got Paire's offense going, as he scored right into the third minute of the first half. KFAS also lit up the scoreboard early off Brian Lee's goal in the eighth minute before it went cold for the majority of the match.

After KFAS (1-1-1) equalized, Agulto brought Paire back into the driver's seat at the 24th minute and McKagan made it a 3-1 advantage when he got his second goal in the 32nd. Dunn stretched the lead to four with his goal in the 55th, while Tiamzon came off the bench midway in the second half and gave Paire its

fifth goal in the 62nd.

Tan Holdings 2, Inter Godfather's 1

In the other Division 1 match, Tan Holdings FC reassured its mastery over Inter Godfather's after pulling off a close win.

Tan Holdings, which edged Inter in the opener, 2-0, earned its second straight win over the latter after getting a pair of goals from Wai Wo Lee. Lee's first goal gave Tan Holdings a 1-0 halftime lead before Masatoshi Otsuka evened up the match midway in the second half. Lee then eluded his defenders anew in the closing minutes of the final frame to hit the go-ahead goal.

Tan Holdings improved to a 2-1-1 slate to take the temporary lead in Division 1, one win ahead of undefeated Wild Bill's (1-1-0). Inter fell to fourth place with its 1-1-2 card.

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varsity divisions. MHS' junior varsity squad is undefeated in three games, however Southern (2-1) is close behind and can knot up the count with an upset at the 4:30pm tiff. Kagman (0-4) completes the junior field.

In the MCS-Southern clash, Ayan Ongelungel gashed MCS

with an 11-point tear in the opening 10 minutes to give her Lady Rays a slim 15-12 edge.

However, Ongelungel was held to just 5 points in the second quarter, as MCS mounted a big surge on the other end to grab the upper hand at halftime, 31-22. Michelle Kautz and Kaylani Lebria teamed up for 14 points and Jasmine Che made a triple in the second-quarter push.

cho Elementary School (83). Saipan International School placed fourth with 65 points, followed by SCS (46), San Vicente Elementary School (32), Kagman Elementary School (25), Dandan (18), and Mt. Carmel School (15).

Each school received points based on how their swimmers placed in the various races.

In the junior high school division, SCS collected 109 points for its back-to-back championship and will be gunning for three in a row against last year's

DIVISION 2 Shirley's 4, Kanoa 2

Shirley's FC and Kanoa Resort played in the last game of the weekend with the former making it to the win column after four futile attempts.

Resty Vergara broke the ice for Shirley's with his goal in the ninth minute, however Kanoa (0-0-4) managed to force a deadlock at halftime after getting a goal from Makani Gramlich in the 39th minute.

Gramlich also scored Kanoa's second goal to put his team in the lead in the 61st minute. However, Kanoa's stay on the driver's seat was only short-lived, as Jerry Tan made the equalizer seven minutes later and Shirley's went on to connect back-to-back goals in a span of five minutes. Fredil Sodillo scored in the 84th minute to reclaim the lead, while Kris Kim ensured the win one minute be-

fore the final buzzer sounded.

MP United 12, Shirley's 1

Before Shirley's entered the win column, it first suffered a bad beating from MP United last Wednesday.

Joe Miller delivered the killer blows for MP United, drilling six goals. Chris Camacho added two goals, while Enrico Del Rosario, Feng Chun Jin, Zheng Xu, and Jason Warren contributed one each.

Jin started MP United's spree with a goal in the 11th minute before Miller bombarded Shirley's with three straight goals for a commanding 4-0 advantage at the break. MP United was not done yet, as three other players also hit the board to complement another hat-trick from Miller in the second half.

Allen Mijares nailed the lone goal for Shirley's.

Ongelungel then pulled on an 8-point string after the break to bring the Lady Rays to within two possessions, 36-41, in the third period. However, Lebria willed her Lady Knights to victory with 10 points in the clutch.

Lebria finished with a team-high 23 points and received 27 in support from Kautz (14) and Carey Demapan (13), while Ongelungel turned in a valiant ef-

fort of 34 and could have really used added help from Roxanne Duenas, who missed last Monday's game.

MCS 59 – Lebria 23, M. Kautz 14, Demapan 13, Che 5, R. Kautz 2, Taylor 2.

SSHS 52 – Ongelungel 34, V. Bartolo 6, Hocog 4, Rogoyawa 4, C. Bartolo, 2, Lizama 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-15, 31-22, 41-36, 59-52.

runner-up GCA (43 points), Whispering Palms (39), 2008 champion SIS (35), and Hopwood Junior High School (16).

In the high school race, GCA gathered 70 points to beat 2010 champion Saipan Southern High School (69) and Marianas High School (48).

Meanwhile, SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield said students interested in competing for the Nov. 10 tournament must coordinate with their principals or send email to saipanswimclub@gmail.com for registration.

He added that the one-day competition is open to both private and public schools and students in the 18-and-under age group. Races will start at 8am and warm ups will begin at 7am.

The All Schools meet is the first competition SSC will host for the 2012-2013 season and the second one for Saipan swimmers after joining the Northern Marianas Swimming Federation-sanctioned event last month.

to trade baskets in the second period, but the former managed to grind out a 23-21 cushion at midpoint.

Joseph Yang led Agape in the first half with his 7 points, five of which came from the stripe, and he received six in support from Richard Chen.

Emerson Feria and Don Hockett paced Hi-5, as they recorded 7 points apiece in the first half and the former added 4 more in the third quarter to force another deadlock, 31-all, heading into crunch time.

Chang also earned 4 markers in the third quarter, but Agape struggled to hunt down rebounds and committed a number of unnecessary fouls that hindered its game plan.

Hi-5 employed its fullcourt press in the fourth quarter and disoriented the Torchbearers.

Hi-5's depth also proved to be the deciding factor, as it shared the ball well in the clutch and ran away with the win in the end.

Feria, Claud Cruz, and Richard Hofsneider all sunk a pair

of baskets in the payoff period, while Agape was contained to only 8 points on the other end to remain winless this year.

Feria top-scored for Hi-Five with a baker's dozen, while Yang had 15 points in the defeat.

Meanwhile, the third-ranked Marianas Resort/NMC Proa (6-1) took on the second-running Rollers 2 (7-1) yesterday and details of the match will be released tomorrow, while the Rollers 1 (3-3) will square off against Kagman (2-5) at 5:30pm today.

Other teams competing in the U20 division include reigning champions Sonics (8-0), the Oleai Ol'Aces (3-2), LD Prime (2-5), and the Chalan Kanoa Saints (2-6).

Hi-5 48 – Feria 13, Hockett 8, Cabaltica 6, Cruz 6, Hofsneider 6, Villanueva 4, Sapo 1, Cristobal 2, Aldan 2.

Agape Torchbearers 39 – Yang 15, Lin 12, Chan 6, Li 6.

Scoring by quarters: 11-11, 21-23, 31-31, 48-39.

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plans of getting back into the cage for some bouts next year.

"I am very excited as to what will come for me in the future. Thank you to everyone in the Marianas for supporting me and everyone else that resides here in the mainland and representing our islands well whether it be in sports, academics, or in the armed forces," Manglona said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

While in Phoenix, Manglona is dividing his time with work, training, and family and admitted that he is unlikely to come home for a visit in the near future, but send out a big thanks to everyone in the region for all their support.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	3	0	.625	262	170
Miami	4	3	0	.571	150	126
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	171	227
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	168	200

South

Houston	6	1	0	.857	216	128
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	136	171
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	162	257
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	103	188

North

Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	174	161
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	167	144
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	166	187
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	154	186

West

Denver	4	3	0	.571	204	152
San Diego	3	4	0	.429	154	144
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	139	187
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	120	209

LOCAL SCORES

M-LEAGUE STANDINGS

Division 1

Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
Tan Holdings	2	1	1	7	5	2	7
Wild Bill's	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
KFAS	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
Inter Godfather's	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
Paire	1	0	2	6	5	1	3

Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P

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NMIVA 2nd Kids Beach Volleyball Training Tournament

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A Living Like Larry player jumps up for a spike during their U13 age division match against Saipan International School in the NMIVA 2nd Kids Beach Volleyball Training Tournament held last Saturday at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



A Team Boots player goes for a spike during their U18 division match versus Smack Dat.



Team Underworld scrambles to set up a return in a U18 knockout match against Team Panda.



A Team Underworld player bumps the ball over the net for a quick return against Team Panda.



A Team Boots player leaps up for a spike in a U18 elimination match against Team Jhem.



A Team Panda player sets the ball back to her teammates during their U18 game against Team Underworld.



A Go Pro player bats the ball for a return during their U13 title match against Living Like Larry.



A Team Boots blocker stuffs a big spike attempt from Smack Dat.



A Team Hurley player bump passes up a serve during their U18 championship match against Team Flash.



A Team Hurley player, right, smacks the ball over a Team Flash blocker.



A Go Pro player sets the ball for her teammates in their U13 final tiff against Living Like Larry.

Manglona makes BJJ finals in Arizona

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T inian's pride Keli "Rukiz" Manglona advanced into the finals of the 4th Annual Arizona Southwest Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Classic held early this month at Phoenix College's north gym.

 Manglona competed against nine others in the purple belt medium-heavy weight division (195 lbs) and challenged GD Jiu-Jitsu's Daniel Hampton in the finals. Hampton, who took the silver medal last year, went on to claim the gold this time after outclassing Manglona.

Notably, Manglona also won a silver medal in the blue-belt (medium-heavy) division in 2010 before missing the same event last year.

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Keli Manglona, left, poses for a photo with the rest of the podium finishers in the purple belt medium-heavy weight division of the 4th Annual Arizona Southwest BJJ Classic held early this month at Phoenix College.

Paire breaks into win column



Paire FC goalkeeper Ethan Dickinson catches the ball during the second half of their Division 1 game against KFAS in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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 Paire Football Club snapped its losing skid in the M-League after domi-

nating Korean Football Association on Saipan in the second game in Division 1, 5-1, last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Team captain Steve McKagan scored twin goals to lead

Paire's first win this season. Paire also drew one goal each from Daniel Agulto, Trey Dunn, and Juanito Tiamzon to avenge their 0-4 defeat at the hands of KFAS during the M-League

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SSC All Schools swim meet Nov. 10

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 Schools battle for bragging rights at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, as Saipan Swim Club hosts the 19th All Schools Swimming Championships on Nov. 10.

Whispering Palms and Saipan Community School hope to extend their reign in the elementary and junior high school divisions, respectively, while Grace Christian Academy goes for back-to-back high school crowns in next Saturday's competition.

Whispering Palms topped the

elementary division of the All Schools meet in the last seven years and is favored to get its win No. 8, as it is expected to field a full team anew this year.

"We're looking to have between 20 to 35 swimmers in the All Schools tournament. We already conducted practice-

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Swimmers plunge into the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool during the 50m freestyle race in last year's SSC All Schools meet.